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LOGAN ELM

It was here under a large elm tree that Chief Logan was said to have delivered his powerful speech on Indian-white relations, which Gibson delivered to Lord Dunmore at Camp Charlotte. Logan's lamentation was printed widely and appeared in newspapers in New York, Philadelphia, and Williamsburg in 1775. The speech is inscribed on the Chief Logan Monument, worded as it was related to President Thomas Jefferson. Once considered to be one of the largest elms in the United States, the 65 feet tall elm died in 1964 after being stricken with blight and damaged by storms. Through the efforts of the Ohio History Day Association, this location was dedicated as Logan Elm Park. The Ohio Historical Society currently operates the Logan Elm State Memorial.

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CIRCLEVILLE'S TED LEWIS

As Circleville's most famous native son, Ted Lewis contributed significantly to his hometown. Having performed in the first Pumpkin Show in 1903, Lewis continued to promote Circleville's trademark festival throughout his career. He returned to Circleville often and performed a successful benefit show here in 1932; with his wife Adah Becker Lewis (1897-1981), he bought and donated the land for Ted Lewis Park, and supported local Berger Hospital. The Ted Lewis Museum, dedicated in 1977, occupies the only remaining building that stood on Circleville's original circle. It interprets the life and career of "The Jazz King," and contains significant collections in the history of early twentieth century American music. Ted and Adah Lewis are interred at Circleville's Forest Cemetery.

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ZIEGLER HOUSE

On this site stood the Ziegler House in which the first session of court in Circleville was held on April 26, 1811, the sessions continuing until April, 1814. The first meetings of Pickaway Lodge No. 23 Free and Accepted Masons were held here, beginning April 26, 1813, and continuing until 1825.

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THE SQUARING OF CIRCLE

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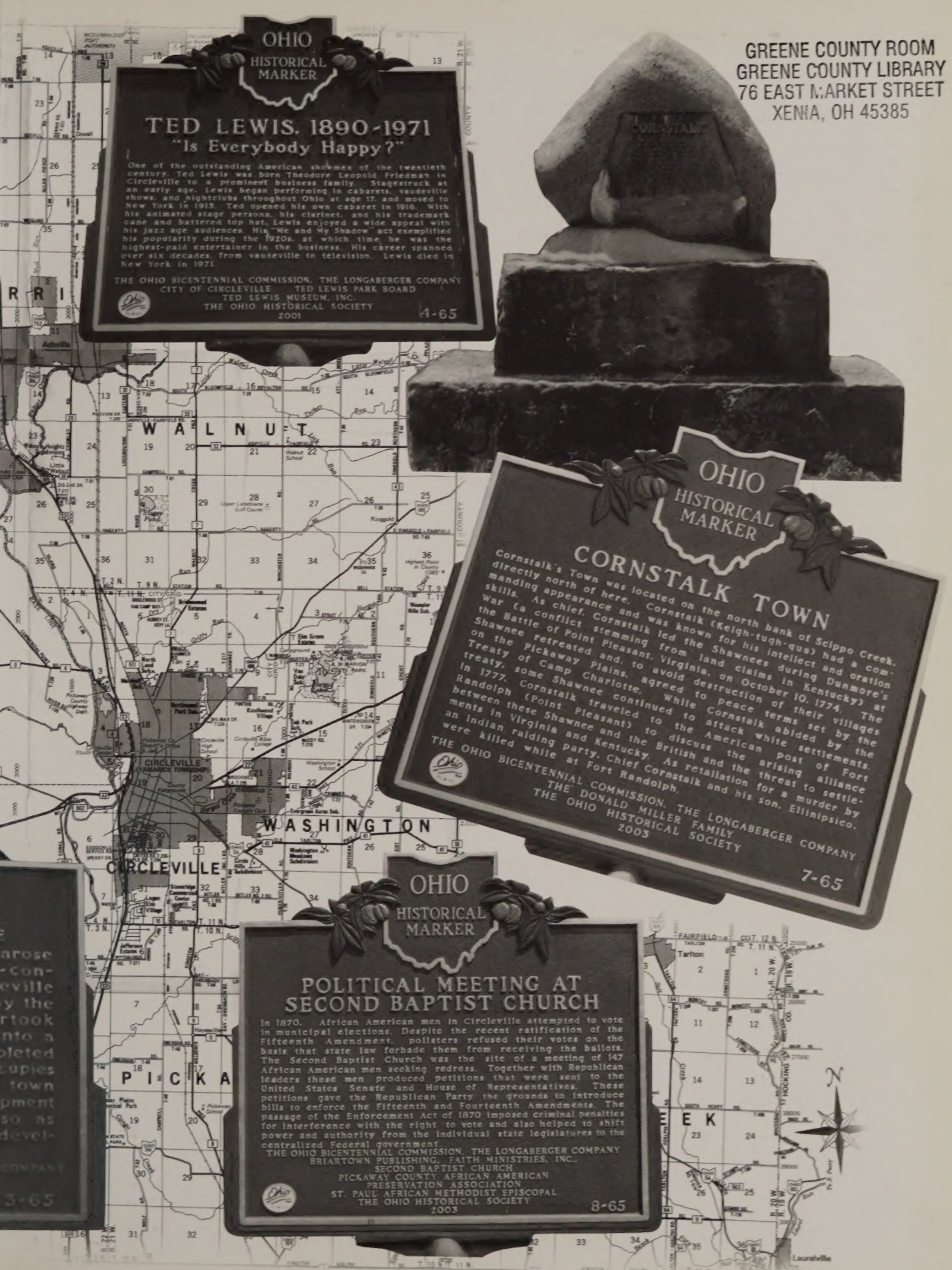
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TED LEWIS. 1890-1971
"Is Everybody Happy?"
One of the outstanding American showmen of the twentieth century, Ted Lewis was born Theodore Leopold Friedman in Circleville to a prominent business family. Stagestruck at an early age, Lewis began performing in cabarets, vaudeville shows, and nightclubs throughout Ohio at age 17, and moved to New York in 1915. Ted opened his own cabaret in 1918. With his animated stage persona, his clarinet, and his trademark cane and battered top hat, Lewis enjoyed a wide appeal with his jazz age audiences. His "Me and My Shadow" act exemplified his popularity during the 1920s, at which time, he was the highest-paid entertainer in the business. His career spanned over six decades, from vaudeville to television. Lewis died in New York in 1971.
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CORNSTALK TOWN
Cornstalk's Town was located on the north bank of Scippo Creek, directly north of here. Cornstalk (Keigh-tugh-qua) had a commanding appearance and was known for his intellect and oration skills. As chief, Cornstalk led the Shawnees in land claims in Kentucky) at the Battle of Point Pleasant, Virginia, on October 10, 1774. The war (a conflict stemming from land claims in Kentucky) at Shawnee retreated and, to avoid destruction of their villages on the Pickaway Plains, agreed to peace terms set by the Treaty of Camp Charlotte. While Cornstalk abided by the treaty, some Shawnee continued to attack white settlements. In 1777, Cornstalk traveled to the American post of Fort Randolph (Point Pleasant) to discuss the arising alliance between these Shawnee and the British and the threat to settlements in Virginia and Kentucky. As retaliation for a murder by an Indian raiding party, Chief Cornstalk and his son, Ellinipsico, were killed while at Fort Randolph.
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POLITICAL MEETING AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
In 1870, African American men in Circleville attempted to vote in municipal elections. Despite the recent ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, pollsters refused their votes on the basis that state law forbade them from receiving the ballots. The Second Baptist Church was the site of a meeting of 147 African American men seeking redress. Together with Republican leaders these men produced petitions that were sent to the United States Senate and House of Representatives. These petitions gave the Republican Party the grounds to introduce bills to enforce the Fifteenth and Fourteenth Amendments. The passage of the Enforcement Act of 1870 imposed criminal penalties for interference with the right to vote and also helped to shift power and authority from the individual state legislatures to the centralized Federal government.
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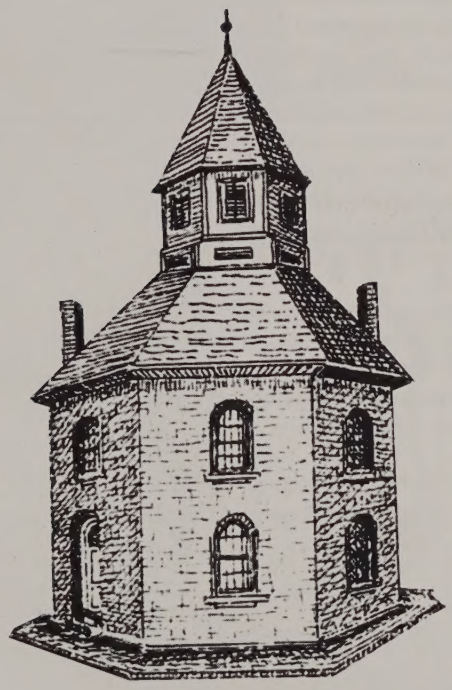

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The gold stamped picture on the front cover of this book was of the first Pickaway County Court House built about 1812. The Court House was an octagonal shaped building and stood directly in the center of Circleville. This picture was created from a pen and ink drawing done by Lissa Yaple, a local artist.

A Letter to the Readers

Dear Readers,

The committee feels much sadness as we complete this project of compiling the *Pickaway County, Ohio History Book*. Much work and many hours of volunteer labor have gone into making this project a success. Little did any of us realize what we were getting into when we started, but what an enjoyable journey it has been. In the last year and half we've gone through times of great stress wondering if we could encourage enough patrons to participate and write stories of their places of business, organizations, clubs, churches, schools and many others. A special thanks goes to them for helping support our efforts. We also say a big thank you to the many families which have submitted family histories. What fun the proofing committee has had reading them and learning who is related to whom, where families came from, and who is still living in Pickaway County, and of the hardships they endured getting to this part of God's country.

So many of the members of the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Society have done wonders for the cause. We wish we could name each and everyone, but someone would surely be left out. To our president and other officers, board of trustees, executive secretary, genealogical librarian and her staff, the proofing committee, our typists, township story writers, and last but not least the wonderful families that have sent in their stories, all deserve a big thank you. A true labor of love has gone into this endeavor. The committee has met people we didn't know, got reacquainted with friends we do know. We learned much about local history and hopefully will leave a piece of the past for future generations to explore in Pickaway County.

In our stories the writers have tried to summarize the events of the 19th century and concentrate more on the developments of the 20th century. Since we are amateurs as well as professionals and served as volunteers, we assume no responsibility for the authenticity of the material used in this book but we did strive to be as accurate and factual as possible.

The committee hopes that past, present and future Pickaway Countians will enjoy this book for many years to come and will continually look through these pages.

Sincerely,

Edith Defenbaugh Everett
Book Committee Chairwoman

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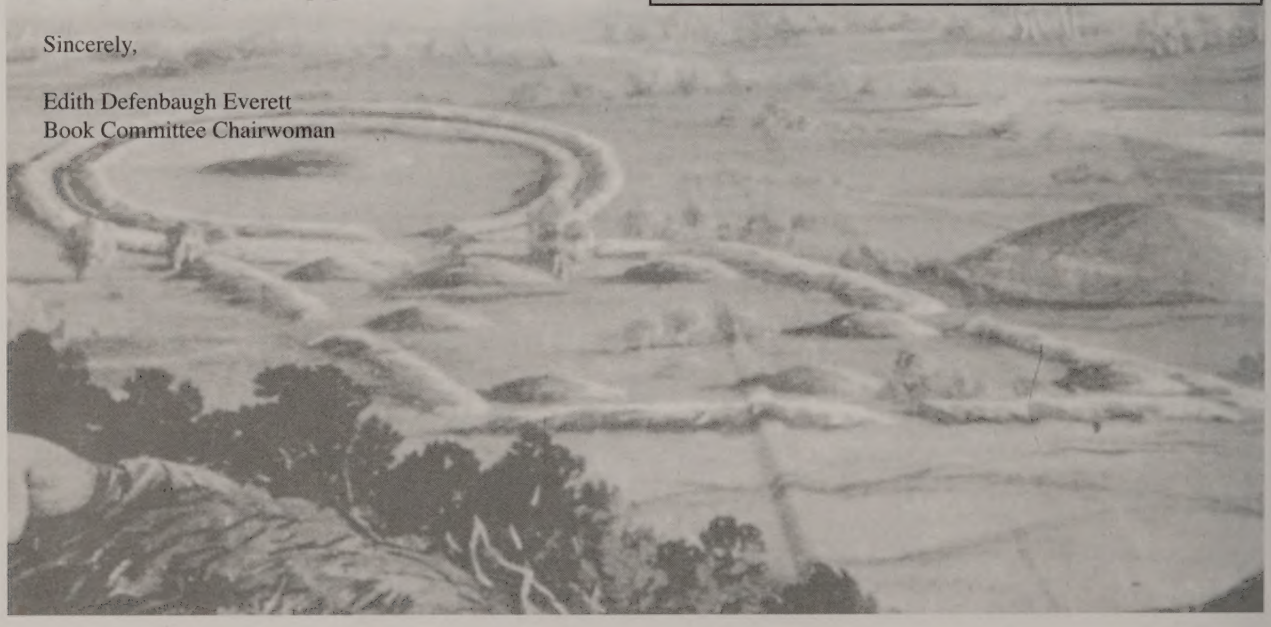

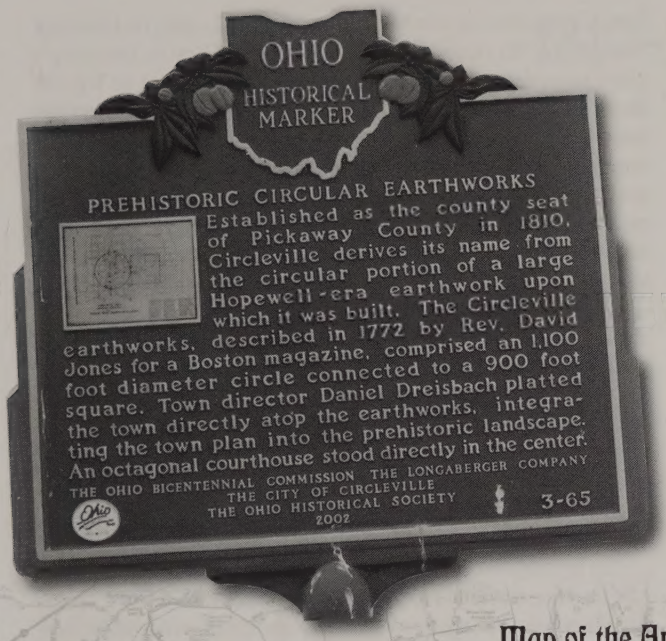
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PREHISTORIC CIRCULAR EARTHWORKS
Established as the county seat of Pickaway County in 1810, Circleville derives its name from the circular portion of a large Hopewell-era earthwork upon which it was built. The Circleville earthworks, described in 1772 by Rev. David Jones for a Boston magazine, comprised an 1,100 foot diameter circle connected to a 900 foot square. Town director Daniel Dreisbach platted the town directly atop the earthworks, integrating the town plan into the prehistoric landscape. An octagonal courthouse stood directly in the center.
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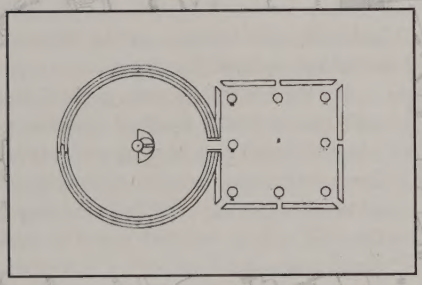


Map of the Ancient Shawanoese Towns, on the Pickaway Plains.

A. Ancient works, on which Circleville now stands.

B. Logan's cabin at Old Chillicothe, now Westfall, four miles below Circleville: from this place a trail led through Grenadier Squaw town, and from thence up the Congo valley, and crossed to the opposite side of the creek, about 1.5 miles from its mouth.

C. Black mountain, a short distance west of old Barr mansion.

D. Council house, a short distance northeast of the residence of Wm. Renick, Jr. The two parallel lines at this point represent the gauntlet through which prisoners were forced to run, and O the stake at which they were burnt, which last is on a commanding elevation.

E. The point where Lord Dunmore met with and stopped the army of Lewis when on their way to attack the Indians: it is opposite the mansion of Major John Boggs.

F. The camp of Col. Lewis, just south of the residence of Goe. Wolf. The Logan elm is about a mile north of the site of the camp of Lewis on Congo creek.

G. The residence of Judge Gill, near which is shown the position of Camp Charlotte.

An Introduction to Pickaway County History

For 10,000 years, Pickaway County, Ohio has been inhabited by many different peoples. At the end of the last ice age, Paleo people hunted mastodons on these plains. For several thousand years thereafter, Archaic tribes hunted and gathered their food here. For at least two millenia the mound-building cults and cultures of the Amerindic Race left their marks on this landscape. These groups – the Adena, Hopewell and Fort Ancient peoples – lived here from c. 1000 B.C. until about the time of the arrival of the first European explorers.

At about the time of Christ, the Hopewell Cult built a large ceremonial earthwork on the present site of Circleville. This consisted of a double wall (in the form of a ring with a moat between) which enclosed an area about eleven hundred feet in diameter. To the east and adjoining the circle was a single-walled square approximately nine hundred feet across. This was probably the site of important Hopewell social or religious rituals and was certainly in use for nearly five hundred years.

When the first explorers began to penetrate the continent, the Shawnees probably lived in this area but they later left and moved south. Pickaway County then became a hunting ground for Eries, Wyandots, Iroquois and other native people. Around 1700, the Shawnee returned to the Scioto Valley, and about 1750, they established their tribal center in Pickaway County, just south of the present site of Circleville.

In 1772 and 1773, several white traders and missionaries visited the area, including the Rev. David Jones. In October, 1772, one of these visitors made the first diagram of the Circleville enclosures. This was published in the January, 1775 issue of the "Royal American Magazine," in Boston.

In the meantime, the Pickaway Plains had been the center of a major Indian uprising in the summer and fall of 1774. It began in the spring with a series of vicious attacks by both whites and Indians. Most notable was the unwarranted attack on members of a Mingo encampment on Yellow Creek in what is now Jefferson County, Ohio.

The Indian leader of the group, Tah-gah-jute, a Cayuga often know as John Logan, or Logan the Mingo, had always been friendly to the whites but now took his revenge by attacking various isolated settlements. This terror of fire and blood continued for over six months. The uprising is usually known as "Lord Dunmore's War."

A Shawnee army, under the great war chief, Cornstalk, was defeated at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, on October 10, 1774. Immediately afterward, Lord Dunmore, the Royal Governor of Virginia, with another legion of Virginians, followed the fleeing Shawnees into the Pickaway Plains and forced Cornstalk to agree to a peace conference.

The Shawnee capital known as Lower Shawnee Town, or Meemkakak, was located on both sides of Scippo Creek near the present junction of Emerson Road and State Route 23. Some earlier conferences were held in the large council-house south of the creek in the portion of the site known as Grenadier Squaw's Town. It was during one of these parlays that Logan, on returning from one of his raids, asked his friend John Gibson, Dunmore's chief interpreter, to walk out with him. According to legend, they walked down to a wooded area, and under a huge tree, later known as Logan Elm, Logan made his famous speech. Gibson noted down the speech and later recited it before the assembled Indians and whites at Dunmore's encampment, Camp Charlotte near present-day Leistville.

Lord Dunmore's War made the Pickaway Plains more widely known to the Allegheny frontiersmen, and before the end of the eighteenth century, white settlers had begun to pour into the region.

The land west of the Scioto was part of the Virginia Military District. This land could be granted to Virginian soldiers as compensation for their service in the American Revolution. That part of the country was settled primarily by people from Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. The land east of the Scioto was carefully surveyed into townships six miles square. Its settlers came mostly from Pennsylvania, Maryland and New England.

By the time Pickaway County was formed in 1810, from parts of Franklin, Ross and Fairfield, the county had several towns. Prominent among them were Bloomfield (later South Bloomfield), Westfall, Jefferson, Livingston and Tarlton. A legislative commission found none of them satisfactory for a county seat. So, the town of Circleville was laid out within the circular earthwork to fulfill that function.

For the first twenty years of the County's existence it was a frontier community in which farming and hunting predominated. There were also a number of flouring mills and distilleries. With the arrival of the canal in the 1830's, flour and pork could be shipped and canal ports like Lockport, Circleville and Westfall flourished. In the 1850's, the Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley Railroad was built. Towns and stops on or near this new route, like New Holland, Atlanta, Williamsport, Woodlyn and Yellow Bud (Kinderhook) came to life. In the 1870's, the Scioto Valley Railroad opened a north-south shipping route through Duval, Ashville, Hayesville and Elmwood.

New industries also came in the 1870's and '80's. Canning became predominant in both Circleville and Ashville. Most county industries were agriculture-centered until the late 1940's. In the middle of the twentieth century diversified industries came to the county. These included G.E., DuPont, Reynolds Aluminum and several others. New housing and strip malls were soon changing the landscape. By the year 2000, several of these industries were beginning to phase out and change was in the air once more.

What the future may hold, we cannot tell. Pickaway County's ties to Columbus are closer. More and more people who work in Franklin County now live in Pickaway. However, farming is still important and after two hundred years, the county continues to view the future with confidence.

-Submitted by W.W. Higgins

Circleville – Village, Town and City 1810-2005

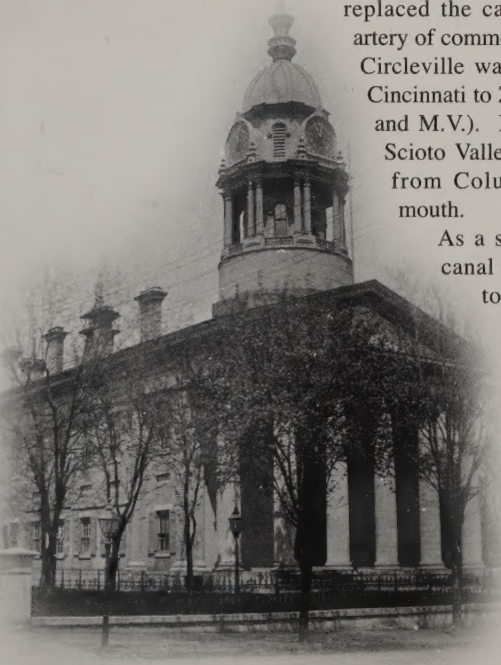
The Ohio legislature created six counties in 1810. One of them was Pickaway. When an appointed commission decided that no existing town was appropriate for a county seat, they suggested a new town be platted and established within a circular pre-historic earthwork on the high eastern bank of the Scioto. The landowner, a veteran of the Revolution, named Jacob Zieger, offered to give the new county one-hundred acres and to sell another fifty at a reasonable price.

Daniel Dresbach was appointed Director of the new town. His job was to hire surveyors and sell off lots. He continued to hold that post until his death in 1850. By September of 1810, Jacob Lutz and his team had completed the survey, a number of lots had been sold and several houses were completed. Circleville was becoming a town.

By 1814, the octagonal courthouse was ready for use; town and county were well under way. For the first 15 years, the town's population was under one thousand. Its houses were mostly of logs and its streets were mud when wet and dust when dry. The town was governed by an elected council, whose president acted as the mayor. One of the early ones was William Thrall, editor of "The Olive Branch," the local newspaper. It was first issued in 1817 and later became "The Herald."

In 1830, the Ohio and Erie Canal reached Circleville and, over the next ten years, the population doubled. The town prospered as the result of the canal and Circleville's first industries, milling and pork packing, developed. Thousands of barrels of salt pork were shipped east and south, and Samuel Rogers, Edson Olds, Douglas Atwater and John Groce made fortunes on the proceeds.

In the early 1850's, the first railroad came to Circleville and over the next twenty years railroads replaced the canal as the main artery of commerce. From 1853, Circleville was on a line from Cincinnati to Zanesville (the C. and M.V.). In the 1870's the Scioto Valley Line was built from Columbus to Portsmouth.



Second Pickaway County Courthouse.

As a side effect of the canal construction the town's businesses moved to West Main Street and, to some, the circular shape of the town seemed passe'. In 1837, the "Circleville Squaring Company" was formed and over the next 20 years the Circle was swept away. In 1837 and '38, the southeast and northwest quarters were squared. In 1849 the northeast quarter followed and, in 1856, W.W. Bierce, who replaced Daniel Dresbach as town "Director," squared the southwest quarter. Looking back on this project, we can see that it was a mistake. At the time it seemed like progress.

The most famous citizen of Circleville in its first half-century was Caleb Atwater, a Yankee intellectual who was one of the first to write about the prehistoric remains west of the Appalachian Mountains. He served in the legislature, where he wrote and helped pass the first public school law. His writings included the first book-length history of Ohio and an essay on education. He was an important influence on archaeology, education and ecology.

Early Pickaway County had a population of Pennsylvanians, Virginians and New Englanders. The canal brought in German immigrants with their musical and artistic influence. Circleville became a melting pot of various traditions. Politically, the county was a stronghold of Jeffersonian Democracy. The Democratic Party dominated city politics from early days until well into the twentieth century. As state politics, from the Civil War on, was predominantly Republican, very few local politicians found their way into national prominence. Politically, Circleville remained independently eccentric.

After the Civil War, with the decline of the canal, new industries came to the fore. In the early 1870's, Chauncey Sears and his wife, Annie, introduced the first canning factory. From then, well into the early twentieth century, canning dominated local industry. The Smith family founded the "Esmerelda Canning Company." The Win-Orr Company and the cannery established by H.M. Crites were important to the city's economy as were grain elevators and flour milling businesses. The Heffner and Heffner company was one of Circleville's most significant mills from the 1860's until 1930. Others included Maizo and Purina. Eshelman's took over the Heffner company in 1930 and after 50 years, Mana-Pro replaced it.

All of the early industries were associated with agriculture. This included the Portage Strawboard Company established along the canal south of Main Street in the 1880's. Local straw was used to produce boxes and cartons. Under various names, the company continued until almost the end of the twentieth century. For many years it was Container Corporation, then, to its closing, Jefferson Smurffet.

Another important early cash crop was broom corn. Circleville's Edward Smith made a fortune on this commodity. It was shipped by rail all over the country. There were several small broom-making businesses in Circleville. The largest and most important one was the Goeller Broom Factory on Half Avenue, a prosperous business from the 1890's into the 1920's.

By the turn of the twentieth century, Circleville had a population of about seven thousand, many of whom were wealthy farmers, business and professional people. Although the population resisted change, the beginning of the 1890's had seen two major building projects. In 1889 the Greek Revival Courthouse had been

remodeled in the popular Romanesque style. Nothing since the squaring of the Circle created so much anger and anguish.

The other project caused the demolition of another Greek Revival structure, the Darst-Ballard House. In its place, on the southwest corner of East Main and Pickaway Streets arose another Romanesque citadel – Memorial Hall. Built by the G.A.R., a Civil War Veterans' group, it was dedicated to the Pickaway Countians killed in that dreadful conflict. The building housed an armory, a library, space for public meetings and a meeting room for veterans.

The twentieth century saw many changes. In 1904, a traction line (an inter-urban electric rail line) connected Chillicothe and Columbus. It ran through downtown Circleville and could carry one to downtown Columbus in 50 minutes. This continued to operate until 1930.

Simultaneously with the development of the traction line came the automobile. The horseless carriage and the electric light did more to change Circleville and the world than any other invention. Electric street lighting came to Circleville in 1883 through the efforts of Dr. Howard Jones and several friends. Soon houses were being lighted with electricity and whole cities began lighting up the night sky.

Early twentieth century Circleville was influenced by the coming of the Pumpkin Show and the development of the Chamber of Commerce. The first Pumpkin Show was celebrated rather quietly in 1903. For the rest of the century this annual festival was the high point of Circleville's year. In 1916, the Circleville Chamber of Commerce was established. The members were local businessmen and their goal was to improve the economy of the city and county. The First World War and the Great Depression hampered efforts in this direction. For fifteen years Mack Parrett led the chamber through good times and bad.

The Depression was hard on local economy, but the farmers and the canneries kept the economy from complete collapse. Financially the city government was in such straits that at the beginning of the Second World War, the street lights were turned off. Ben Gordon, local Jewish businessman, ran for mayor in 1942 on a campaign promise to re-light the lights. With the help of the Chamber of Commerce and a committee headed by Clark Will, the debt was paid and the lights came on again. Ben served as mayor, off and on, over the next thirty years. He was the perennial Democratic mayoral candidate and he never lost an election.

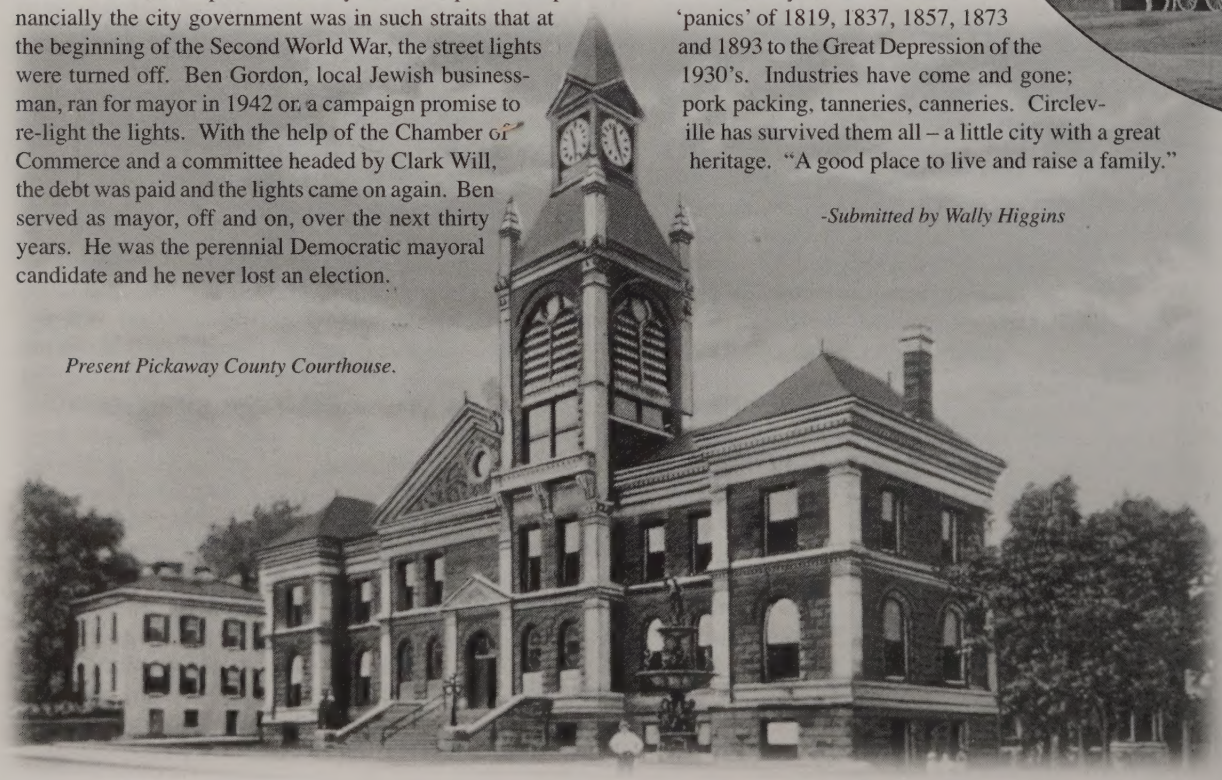
At the end of World War II, changes were taking place in the industry of the county. Local canneries were having difficulty competing with larger companies. Other industries, however, began moving in to take their places. In 1947, the Chamber of Commerce announced that a major industry was considering Circleville as a site. George Foresman and Ludwig Haecker encouraged this choice and by 1948 it was confirmed that G.E. would build a plant in Circleville. Edward Grigg was sent to facilitate the construction and remained as head of the local plant for thirty years.

In the early 1950's, DuPont built a plant south of town and the influx of supervisory staff for the new plant saw construction of new housing north of the downtown area and a dramatic enlargement of the school system. Over the next 15 years Pittsburg Plate and RCA opened plants and the area prospered from its industry.

Certainly the most famous Circlevillian of the first two-thirds of the twentieth century was Theodore Friedman, a son of Ben and Polly Friedman, owners of Friedman's Bazaar, popular ladies' ready-to-wear store. Under his stage name, Ted Lewis, he became a champion and popularizer of jazz.

The 1990's saw the beginning of decline in many of the local industries that were introduced at the middle of the century. The 'down-sizing' at DuPont, the closing of Jeffrson Smurffet, Mana-Pro and Thompson Electric (formerly RCA) were ominous. Once again the economy is in decline. But Circleville has seen many declines, from the 'panics' of 1819, 1837, 1857, 1873 and 1893 to the Great Depression of the 1930's. Industries have come and gone; pork packing, tanneries, canneries. Circleville has survived them all – a little city with a great heritage. "A good place to live and raise a family."

-Submitted by Wally Higgins



Present Pickaway County Courthouse.

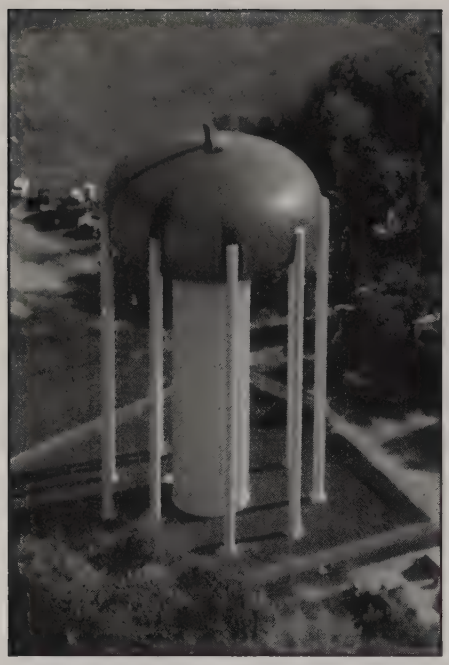
Pickaway Dairy

Foresman Mill

Circleville Aqueduct over Scioto River, Silver Bridge in Background, 1900-1910

Ralston Purina Mill, Circleville, O.

The Opera House built in 1888. Later known as the Grand Theater, was demolished in the 1960s.



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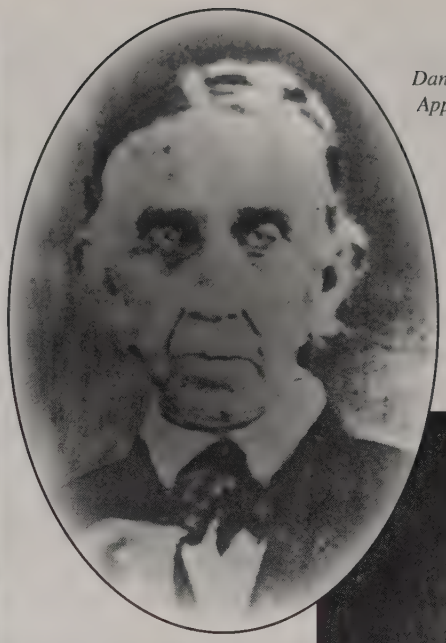

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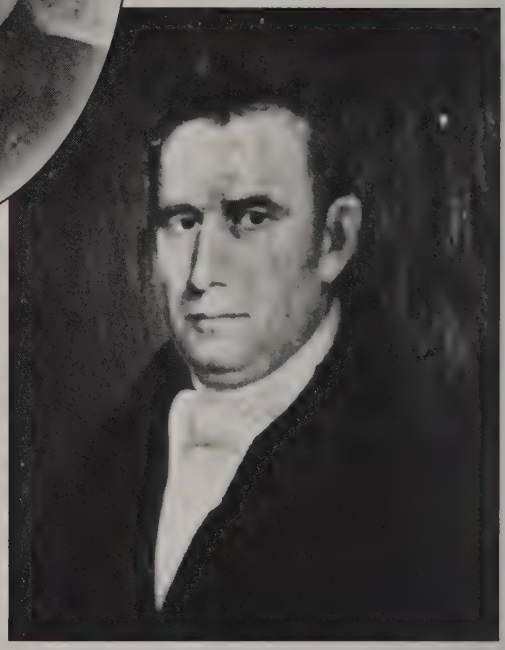

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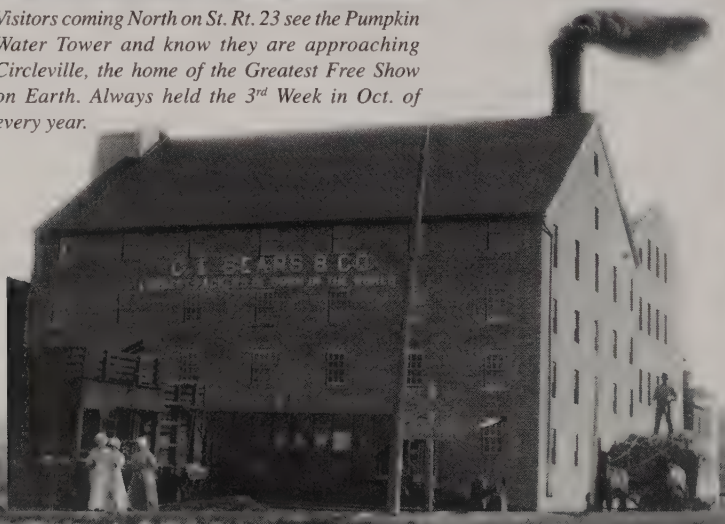
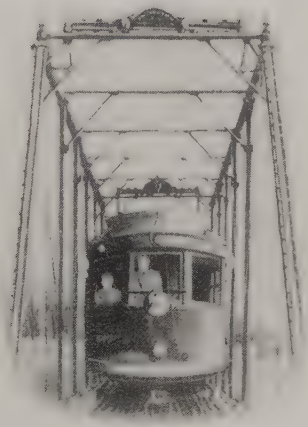


2000. Birds Eye view of Circleville.

Foresman Chimes located in Court House Tower.

Harriet Morris Driving Model T Ford. 1919



The Interurban on Big Walnut Creek Bridge.

Canal Locks

Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Society

Preservation of Pickaway County's rich heritage dates back as far as July 28, 1841 when the Logan Historical Society was organized at the village of Westfall. In 1910 the Monday Club made it their purpose to establish an historical museum. After raising over $50 they turned the monies over to a Centennial Commission as a museum fund. The Commission later disbanded with no provision for a future society. As plans for Pickaway County's approaching Sesquicentennial took shape, the idea of a Historical Society emerged again. In 1959, research and a search for articles of historical significance was begun and our Historical Society was organized. The first task of the Society was to celebrate the county's 150th Anniversary in 1960.

Harford Renick was the first president of the Historical Society. Charter members included Mrs. R.R. Bales, Mrs. Walter Kindler, Mrs. Leslie May, Mrs. Ralph May, Miss Florence Brown, Mrs. Fred Tipton, Mrs. Hulse Hayes, Mrs. Anna Chandler, Mrs. Frank Bennett, Mrs. J.R. Work, Sterling Croman, George Foresman, Harry Cupp, Paul Johnson, Mrs. George McDowell, Mrs. Russell McDill, Blenn D. Bales, William E. Defenbaugh and Russell McDill.

The object of this Society was to bring together people interested in the history of Pickaway County and to discover and collect materials which help to establish or illustrate the history of the area.

In 1966 the Society was given the Clarke-May home on West Union Street. The house was renovated during the Presidency of Rex E. Haecker. A new addition to the rear of the east section of the house provides a meeting place for the Society and local groups.

During the annual meeting of January, 1968, the Second National Bank announced the gift to the Society of a one-third interest in the Marfield Bank Building at 133-135 West Main Street. It is the last remaining building which stood on the original circle. Remaining interests in the building were deeded to the Society at periodic intervals. Polly Miller and Johnda Davis were instrumental in establishing a genealogical library which was initially situated in the building just east of the offices of the Chamber of Commerce.

Pickaway Co. Historical & Genealogical Society Museum.

In 1985, the Moore House, located at 304 South Court Street, was willed to the Society. The Historical and Genealogical Library is now located at this site. All written historical documents, photographs and the Pickaway County Probate Court archives are preserved at this location.

During the year 2000 the Society acquired some 2-1/2 miles of the Ohio and Erie Canal in Wayne Township. An additional piece of land was acquired in 2003 which allowed room to erect a shelter house for "Canal Park".

-Submitted by Darlene Weaver

Right: Betty Dawley helping a client in the Genealogical library (shown below).

Below: Dick Tootle, Wally Higgins and Ken Speakman setting up a display of arrow heads and tools.

Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library Book Committee & Volunteers

Darlene Weaver, Chairman of Genealogical Library Committee

Library Committee Volunteers that worked hard helping clients with research:

John Beck
Beverly Brown
Sandi Crissinger
Betty Dawley
Cheryl Forte
Cinda Justice
Betty Liston
Nancy Mayberry
Paul Mayberry
Mary Ellen Rader
Martha (Kitten) Riffle
Sue Roan

Diane Saxton
Karen Schein
Joan Smith
Carolyn Weigand
Robert Wilson
Charlene Woolever
Ralph Woolever

Bonnie Myers
The Ashville Area Heritage Society

Pickaway Co. Ohio Family History Book General Committee. Edith Defenbaugh Everett, Chairwoman, Darlene Weaver, and Wallce W. Higgins.

Below: Proofing Committee, L-R: Ann Short, Carolyn Welch, Carol Albright, Lois Jones, Lydia De Long, Weta Mae Leist, Not pictured: Meg Kadunc & Edith Everett, chairwoman.

Ralph and Charlene Woolever. Ralph was given Emeritius status on the Pickaway County Historical Society Board for serving many years, and for giving so much time to the organization. He is probably the longest serving member on the board. Charlene has always been by his side and has helped by doing research in Genealogical Library, among other jobs, for many years. They represent many other members that have worked very hard for the Pickaway County Historical Society.

Some of the volunteers that helped researchers at the Genealogical library. Top, l-r, Darlene Weaver, Bob Wilson, Joan Smith, Betty Dawley. Bottom, l-r, Paul Mayberry, Sue Roan, Sheryl Forte, Carolyn Wiegand.

Past Presidents of Pickaway County Historical Society

Harford Renick	1960-1961
Harry Montelius	1962
W.W. Higgins	1963
Mrs. Ray W. Davis	1964-1965
Rex Edwin Haecker	1966-1968
Dr. W.L. Sprouse	1969
Lincoln S. Mader	1970
Ralph Woolever	1971-1972
Robert Liggett	1973-1974
Robert M. Johnson	1975
Robert Ely	1976-1977
Harold Clifton	1978-1979
Rodger L. Southward	1980
Mary R. Tolbert	1981-1982
Dean Reichelderfer	1983-1984
Clyde Cook Jr.	1985-1986
Charles G. Will	1987-1988
MacDonald Schumm	1989-1991
Dick Tiffin Tootle	1992
Earl W. Palm	1993-1994
Terry Frazier	1995
David Beavers	1996
Terry Frazier	1997
Steve Jones	1998
Terry Frazier	1999-2000
David Jamison	2001-2002
John Stout	2003
Terry Frazier	2004
Carolyn Welch	2005

Past Presidents taken in 2005. L to R, Front Row: Robert Johnson, Robert Liggett, David Beavers, Rodger Southward. Second Row: Steve Jones, Dick Tootle, Charles Will, Ralph Woolever.

PCH&GS Officers & Trustees. Front Row, l-r: Warren Gentzel, Judy Palm, Jane Stevenson, Ken Speakman. 2nd Row: Edith Defenbaugh Everett, Grace Wiggins, Chris Kassner, Carolyn Weigand, Kay Farynowski, Carolyn Welch, Bob Moore. 3rd row: David Martin, Jerry Leist, Tom Spring, & John Stout.

Present Officers, Executive Board and Committee Chairmen/Woman

President:	Carolyn Welch
Past President:	Terry Frazier
Vice President:	Tom Spring
2nd Vice President:	John Stout
Treasurer:	Kay Farynowski
Executive Secretary:	Judy Palm
Membership Secretary:	Carolyn Weigand
Recording Secretary :	Carol Mader
Canal:	Steve Jones
	Ken Speakman
Library:	Darlene Weaver
Museum & Acquisitions:	Carolyn Welch

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	Pam Hill
	Rich Elsea
	Jane Stevenson
	Grace Wiggins
	Warren Gentzel
	Chris Kassner
	David Martin
	Bob Moore
	Jerry Leist
	Ken Speakman
	Edith Everett

Above: Pauline Clifton looking at a Friendship coverlet that was on display at the museum. The coverlet has many family names embroidered on it from the Salt Creek Township area.

Left: Ned W. Harden served our Society as Editor of the Picaway Quarterly from 1988 through 1991, contributed his historic photo collection to the Genealogical library and has been an invaluable member for many years.

Darlene Weaver, Chairwoman for the Pickaway Co. Historical Society Genealogy Library. She is a volunteer and works many, many hours at the library.

Paul Mayberry doing research of County cemeteries for his cemetery record books.

U.S. Vice President Richard Cheney and Pickaway County Commissioner Ula Jean Metzler, 2004

Officers – Carolyn Welch, President, Ray Farynowski, Treas., and Judy Palm, Exec. Sect.

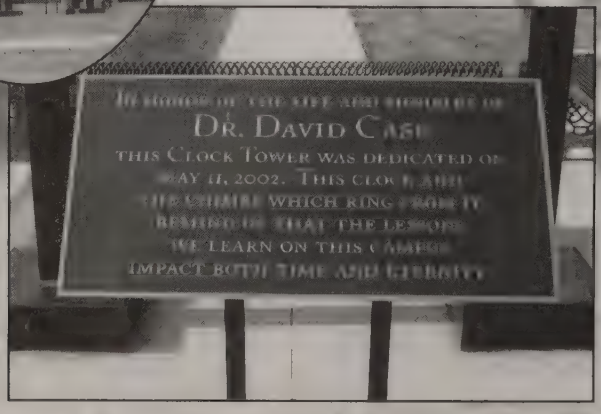
Martha Gearhart taking students on a tour of the Clarke-May Museum

Background image:
Walnut Post Office & Ed Weiser Store

Right: Brown Implement Co. 1940.

Below: High St. School, Circleville, Ohio

The Bowes Covered Bridge over Laurel Run on Route 56. Salt Creek Township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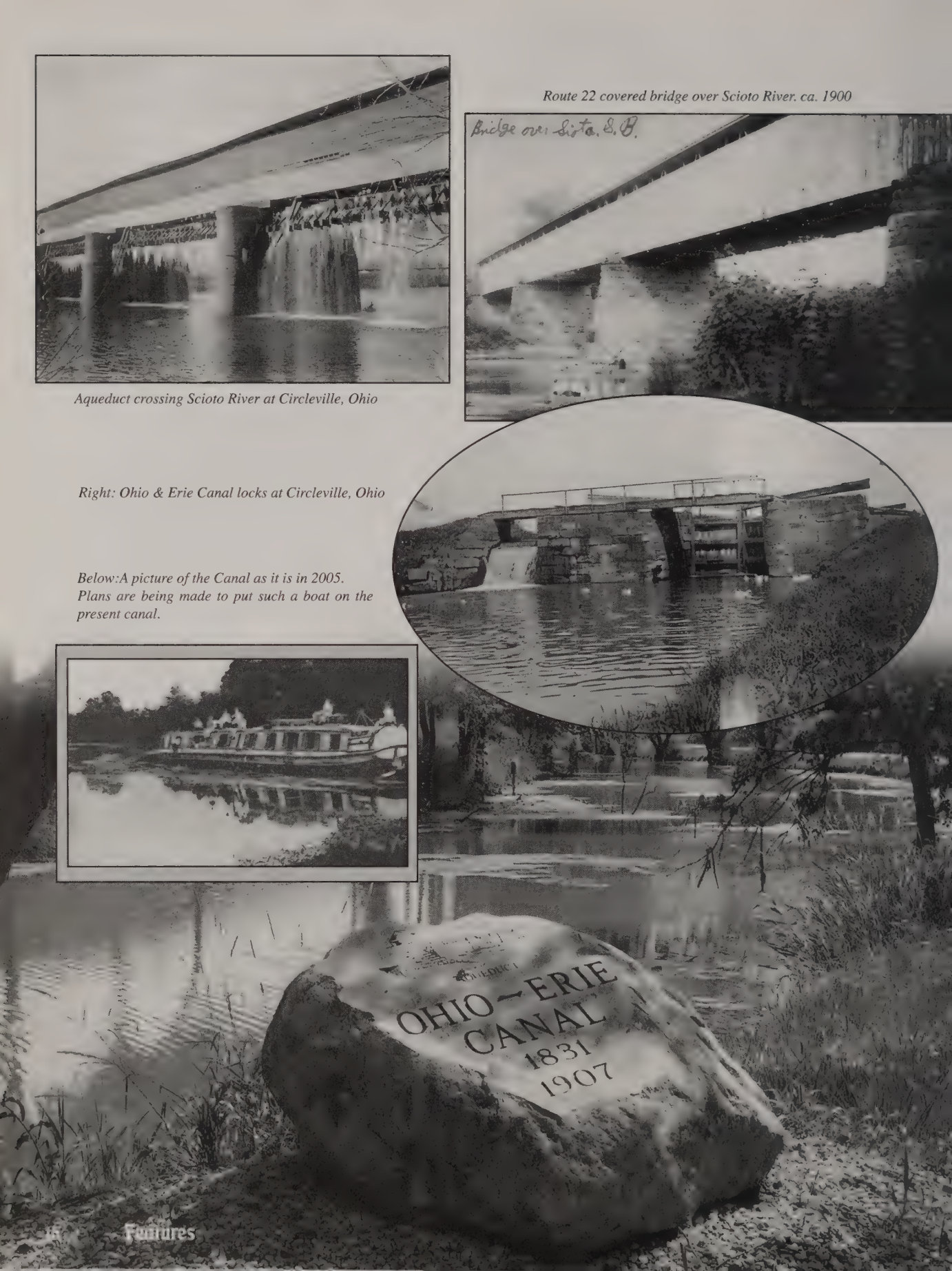
Feature Stories

Aqueduct crossing Scioto River at Circleville, Ohio

Route 22 covered bridge over Scioto River. ca. 1900

Right: Ohio & Erie Canal locks at Circleville, Ohio

Below:A picture of the Canal as it is in 2005. Plans are being made to put such a boat on the present canal.



Erie Canal in Pickaway County

In the early part of the 19th Century pioneers were moving into the Pickaway County area. Ohio was a pioneer state. The inhabitants raised everything they needed to live - livestock for meat, wool and hides to make their clothes and shoes; grain to feed the livestock and for flour. They augmented what they raised with game, nuts and berries from the surrounding forests. They needed practically everything they raised.

If there was a surplus, there was no market until the advent of the Ohio Erie Canal, connecting the interior of the state with Lake Erie on the north and access to the eastern states, and with the Ohio River on the south, linking the state to the port of New Orleans on the Gulf of Mexico.

When the Erie Canal was completed through the state of New York, far-sighted Ohioans began lobbying for a canal (or canals) connecting Lake Erie to the Ohio River.

By 1825 the Ohio Legislature became convinced of the need for the canal. In February of 1825, enabling legislation to raise money was approved by the state and on July 4 of that year a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Licking Summit near Newark.

A ditch was dug from Cleveland to Portsmouth, using picks and shovels, wheelbarrows, teams of horses and wagons.

Technology was not far advanced from that known to mankind at the dawn of civilization.

By 1831 the canal reached Circleville, linking the tiny frontier community with Lake Erie. By the following year the main canal was completed to Portsmouth on the Ohio River.

Suddenly there was a market. The price of a bushel of grain increased fourfold or more. Livestock no longer had to be driven over the Appalachian Mountains to the eastern markets. Farm animals could be slaughtered in the villages and towns along the canal, packed in barrels of salt and shipped east.

Breweries, distilleries, mills, iron foundries and tanneries sprang up along its banks and the central part of the state began to flourish.

The first steam engine moving on rails was developed in 1827, dooming the canal system to a relative short life. The first railroad came to Pickaway County shortly before the Civil War, and the railroads soon took over the task of moving freight across the country.The Ohio Erie Canal continued operating into the early part of the 20th Century, although by that time it had lost most of its freight to the railroads. By the 1890s, the railroads had reached all 88 counties in the state.

In 1904 the last boat came down the Columbus Feeder, entering the main canal at Lockbourne just a few yards north of the Pickaway-Franklin County Line. A major flood of the Scioto River in 1907 was the death knell of the canal through Pickaway County.

In the beginning, the canal brought prosperity to Pickaway County. The villages of Millport, Circleville, and Westfall thrived. There was a lock on the canal immediately south of the village of Millport (now a part of South Bloomingville). Commerce flourished, supporting a pork packing business, a distillery, a brewery and a mill at various times during the life of the canal. Even before the canal closed, the village economy began its decline. It was by-passed by major highways and the railroads and became only a cluster of small homes.

The canal engineers proposed three sites for the canal to cross to the west side of the Scioto River. These were at Keefer's Point, near the mouth of Darby Creek, at Circleville, and at Yellowbud. Circleville's merchants were so anxious for the crossing to be there they put together a fund-raising drive, getting pledges of over $3,500 in a week's time. Ultimately nearly twice that amount was pledged and construction of the aqueduct began July 4, 1828. It was the longest structure (435 feet) on the canal from Portsmouth to Cleveland.

Commerce and industry along the banks of the canal in Circleville included the John Groce and Sons Pork Packing Company, the Ruggles Packing Company, the Cherry Cigar Company, the G.W. Bauder Carriage works, the J.F. Bales Grain Elevator, the A.C. Bell Elevator, the George Roth Tannery, the John McEwing Foundry and Machine shop, Hernnstein's Lumber yard, a cooperage works and an ice house.

The canal brought not only properity to Circleville, it also brought many famous visitors. On Sept. 20, 1836, President Andrew Jackson stopped briefly in Circleville on his way from his plantation, the Hermitage, in Nashville, Tennessee, to Washington, D.C. what was meant to be a rousing welcome for "General" Jackson turned into a tragedy. Four young men were accidentally killed while firing a cannon salute in honor of the president. They were ramming a third charge into the cannon when it exploded. The force of the blast instantly killed three of the men, Joseph Bonser, Silas Ward and Joseph Tanner. The fourth, a man named Johnston, died several hours latter.

In the village of Westfall, the Hoffman Warehouse was the primary early business. There canal boats were loaded with corn and wheat grown in the fertile fields of Wayne Township. The canal left the county at the village of Yellowbud in Ross County.

The canal is long gone from the scene. The railroads are dying out, losing their freighting business to paved highways and huge tractor-trailer trucks as well as to the airlines.

No form of modern transportation, however, can have the impact on the citizens of Pickaway County than the canal.

– Written by Steve Jones.

Circleville's Own Tom and Huck

In 1923 another world existed. Basically, people were friendly, helpful and kinder. No one locked their doors as long as one of the family was out and sometimes they were never locked. The Circleville police consisted of three officers who were all walkers. Fresh baked pies sat in windowsills and candles and kerosene lamps still dotted many homes. Man O War had just been retired to stud at the incredible age of 3 years old. Young men accepted the role of provider for their families because of their father's early deaths. Autos were still out of reach for most purses and children obeyed their parents out of respect. And real boys were as adventurous as Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

Two such young adventurers lived in Circleville. Young John Haswell, who later became a lawyer, was the son of Haswell who is credited with beginning the Pumpkin Show. He had a dairy farm and when he died in 1922, his eldest son, John, assumed the duties of the head of the house.

Edward E. Smith was a second generation American. His father had come directly from Dublin, Ireland. He owned a canning business and also was a farmer. His son, Robert, was a good friend of John Haswell. Both young men were 17 in 1923 and the adventure of their lives was about to take place.

That summer, John and Bob went halves on the purchase of a canoe that cost them $15. It was a fine canvas canoe from Kennebunkport, Maine. It was a sight to behold with its brass fittings and solid cherry deck. Had the owner not been in dire straits, such a canoe would not have fallen into excited young hands.

As is often the case, great journeys begin with talk and as John and Bob floated around on the Scioto River just west of town, they cooked up the idea of a trip in their wonderful new canoe. The more they talked, the longer the trip became until they set their minds on Cincinnati as a destination. John left his two younger brothers in charge of the cows and the day Bob's parents left town for a two-week vacation, Bob left town with John.

Their sojourn began on August 15, 1923; a day that lived in each man's mind as long as life breathed within him. They carried their canoe to the Scioto River Bridge and started out with food, clothes and money for their trip. The thought of danger never entered their head except the thought that Bob's parents would be home before they were. Although that seemed more of a worry to Bob, because he said his mom always worried about everything. Their first near brush with terror occurred not far down the Scioto. It was their second day out and they came upon a scoop affair where men were mining the gravel from the river. The men and controls were high up on the bank and the scoop was out on the sand bar. The operator, not seeing the travelers, released the cable line and narrowly missed "Tom and Huck". The conversation of a possible early demise kept them awake and on guard the rest of the day.

Down between Chillicothe and Waverly, they encountered huge rocks in the riverbed. There was no way to safely dodge between them so the boys, who were acquiring their manhood moment by moment, jumped from their canoe to walk in water up to their arm pits to guide the canoe safely between the boulders. Nights found them in their little tent, eating their food supply that needed to be augmented by any Mr. McGregor garden Peter Rabbit and friend were fortunate enough to come across. They slept on the ground in wet clothes with the snakes as night visitors. Every day that first week they paddled through the rain as the river continued to rise.

Coming upon Portsmouth after many days of traveling, they tied up at a canoe club for one dollar. The next morning at 4:00, Bob stood looking at the heavy mist rising up from the Ohio River and saw a canoe coming from the east like an apparition. When its two occupants alighted he found one to be a World War I vet that had been kicked in the head by a mule. The doctor told him to survive, he needed to go out and rough it for a year. He had a young male companion who decided to go with him and their plan was to travel from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania down the Ohio and Mississippi to Gulfport. If their canoe survived they wanted to go along the Florida Coast in the Gulf of Mexico and back up the Atlantic Seashore. They decided that would take about one year. (Seems as though there were other "Tom and Huck's" floating around out there.)

It did not take John and Bob long to figure out that these two were a bit on the shady side after being told the new travelers had no money and had been arrested in Pittsburgh for vagrancy for selling pictures of themselves to make money. However, it did give some measure of security to be traveling on the Ohio River, (now risen considerably because of the rains to the north) with another canoe close by in case of trouble.

The two canoes stopped in Vanceburg and found themselves in a KKK meeting. It was Saturday night and Bob decided he must follow his teachings and find a Catholic Church for Mass the next morning. His good black suit was as soaked as he was but he donned his duds and set out on a train for Marysville. On the way back the conductor announced breakfast and as he rose to go the conductor took one look at him and told him they would bring him coffee. Upon arriving back at the canoe club, John was furious at him for leaving as a larger craft had come along and offered them a ride to Cincinnati. John was ready to jump on ship. The trip to the destination took four days from Portsmouth and the river continued to rise.

They tied up at a canoe club on the Kentucky side of the river for a dollar and went across the bridge to find a place to sleep. Since their traveling companions had no money, they were left out to camp. John and Bob found a room with a bath for $3.50 and although they had been wet most of the last 8 days, warm water was a treat to be sure. That night the river caught up with them and rose 8 more feet. When they tried to get to their canoe, they found the swinging bridges to the docks washed away. The travelers they had met were long away and had taken the boy's camp stove too. Near to them was the Pennsylvania Rail Road and a welcomed sight she was. "Tom and Huck" had had enough of the rain, snakes and thieves. They loaded their canoe on the railroad in Cincinnati and left there at 1:00 pm for home at a cost of $5.00. They stopped at every station along the way and still got home by 7:00 pm. Their last 100 miles was dry and fast. Bob had beaten his dad home by three days and he STILL had 25 cents.

The First World War must have ignited in young men a desire to conquer the elements. That or the desire to do so is an inborn need. Because there is fear of those around us, you will find very few "Tom and Huck's" out there today. Well, at least ones that take a train 10 miles to the nearest church and back in the middle of a great adventure.

-Submitted by Cinda Justice on the true adventure of Robert A. Smith – August 1923

Mr. Robert A. Smith was born March 4, 1906. He passed away in 2003. To those of us who were very privileged to be of acquaintance with him, his passing was one of great loss. His wit, energy and great desire to be educated on any subject at any time were endearing to his friends and family. He delighted in the use of words that were seldom in common conversation. He was passionate about his faith and of a kindly, gentlemanly manner. He never stopped being aware of the society around him and worried about the future of our nation. One of his favorite questions was, "Did you know my wife, Helen?" He continued to the end to miss and love her. He enjoyed his dog and although he would ask if I thought he were too fat, he would over feed him anyway. He never forgot to tip his hat to a lady and open a door for her. And like most of those of his age, who had lived through the depression, you could not visit him without being offered something to eat and drink.

Civilian Conservation Corp

A personal recollection

I graduated in 1933 from Monroe High School, Five Points, Ohio. It was the middle of the depression and I didn't have a job and I was worried about my family which included a sister, brother and my parents. My older brother had enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corp and was sent to California.

I enlisted in the Corp in 1933 and was sent to Hocking County near Rockbridge, Ohio. The government furnished everything. We were paid $30 a month of which $25 was sent home to my parents to help them and I got $5 which was more than I was accustomed to.

Our first day there we were introduced to conservation. We made dams from large rocks to keep the good rich soil from washing away. We planted thousands of trees. I learned to be a surveyor and worked at Old Man's Cave and the Rockhouse for three years.

In later years I worked for the United States Department of Agriculture for 25 years, measuring ground on farms in Madison County.

I thank President Franklin D. Roosevelt for starting the CCC. I think it was a wonderful program that helped a lot of young men shape their lives.

-Written by Myrl E. Lewis

Guided Missile or Rocket Space-Ship

This unique rocket car was designed and self built by Stanley Eakin. The engine, body, even the steering wheel was built from scratch. Stanley spent his spare time for 6 years building this 1,800 pound car. In fact, Stanley built this car on his parent's property located on London Road. His parents were Everett and Elma Eakin.

Because this car was so unique, it took first prize in the World Sports Car Show, Custom Car Division, held at New York Madison Square Gardens in 1954.

As novel in design as it is in engineering, this unique comet is a three-wheeled two-seater, powered by a 60 hp Ford V-8 engine located in the rear with a fin that sweeps up to a height of more than 67 inches, along with 10 tailpipes in the rear. This car can go up to 90 miles per hour. Other unique features includes: the giant air scoops at each side; the front wheel that is suspended on a motorcycle fork with a sheet metal body; the steering wheel that is shaped out of ordinary pieces of steel; and the gear shifting that runs along a shaft running from the stick to the tail end transmission.

This car is a marvel for holding the road. This car, that was built before its time, is now 52 years old.

-Submitted by Barbara Eakin

How Farming Has Advanced in the 20th Century

In the early 1900's farmers turned the soil with single bottom plows pulled by horses. Today large tractors with two hundred horse power or more pull six to eight bottom plows to turn the soil.

The farmers of the early 1900's cut wheat with binders that cut and tied the wheat and dropped it on the ground and the farmer would stack the sheaves of wheat in the field, putting one sheaf on top to keep it dry. The farmer would then haul it to an area close to a barn and the thrashing machine would come and separate the wheat from the straw, blowing the straw into a large pile and the wheat into a wagon.

Today we have large combines with thirty foot headers that cut and separate the wheat, while blowing the straw on the ground in one operation. The farmer then bales the straw for bedding for his livestock.

In the early 1900's the farmer cut his corn by hand and put it in shocks and tied it with twine string and left it in the field for a short time. Later the farmer would husk the corn by hand, throw it into a wagon and haul it to a corn crib. Today we use that same combine with an eight row header to harvest the corn in one operation. It picks and shells the corn, blowing the husks into the field and the corn into a hopper on the combine. The farmer then moves the grain using large grain hopper trailers or semi trucks to get his corn to market.

In the early 1900's corn yield was about forty to fifty bushels per acre. The present yield is usually over two hundred bushels per acre. Farming has come a long way since the turn of the century by using improved seeds and fertilizers and modern machinery.

-Submitted by Mary L. Lewis

Clinton Beavers farm in Williamsport 1919.

Clinton Beavers farm in Williamsport 1919. Early Steam powered threshers helped increase production in Pickaway Co.

The Pherson Church

The Pherson church was built in the 1920's after the former one burned down. The church was located on State Route 56 across from Westfall High School, Pickaway County. Robert Pherson was the first Sunday School Superintendent. Sherman Downs was also a superintendent.

Mrs. Jemima McLaughlin taught Sunday school there for 55 years and only missed 5 Sundays. She gathered the little ones on little red chairs in a semi-circle and taught them using pictures from the Bible that she put on 4x6 cards. She lived next to the church and died at the age of 92.

-Submitted by Larry Lewis

The Pherson Store

The Pherson Store was also located on St. Rt. 56 across from Westfall School. A gas station was on the same property as the school. My father, Charles Stoer, would go to the store on horseback to get his mail once a week. The Pherson church was two doors down on Rt. 56. It was there that my father met my mother, Mary Justus. Things sparked and they were married January 18, 1904. To this union were born eight children: Bernadine Caudy, who died at age 97; Mildred Frederick, who is 98 years old; Loring Stoer, who died at age 72; Curtis Stoer, who died at age 33; Byron Stoer, who died at age 54; Kenneth Stoer, who died at age 87; Mary Louise Lewis, who is 86 years old; and David Stoer, who is 84 years old.

My parents started the Stoer reunion in 1935. We just had the 70th reunion this past summer. Most of the children grew up in Monroe Township and graduated from Monroe School in Five Points, Ohio.

-Submitted by Mary L. Lewis

Dr. Vemont D. and Freda J. Kerns

Dr. Vemont D. and Freda J. Kerns purchased property at 143 E. Main Street, Circleville, Ohio on September 18, 1944 from Willard F. and Hazel H. Story.

Dr. Kerns had his office on the right downstairs side of the building which included a large waiting room, two offices, bath, x-ray room, plus one examining room. In 1946 he made three apartments from the remaining part of the building. One was located over the office at 143 _ East Main Street. There were two on the other side (one upstairs and one downstairs) at 145 and 145 _ East Main Street.

Mary A. Barr was his first office nurse until her death in 1949 when Marvene Dresbach became his nurse.

Dr. Kerns added four more rooms onto the back of the building in 1954 which were used as his office, drug room, and two more examining rooms.

In 1990 the property was sold to Jack and Marilyn Wise who are the present owners.

-Submitted by Donna Kerns Blue

The Wreck of the Columbus and Southern

'Twas January 12th, 1907,
That a wreck occurred on the Columbus and Southern.
A party from South Bloomingville, happy and gay,
Had boarded the train to go away.
Each intending to have a time,
Thinking of happiness was a crime.
When a scene transpired that changed their tune,
And sorrow and sadness came all too soon.

As the train to the Saltcreek Bridge drew near,
Many aboard were filled with fear;
For the water was high, the wreck was expected;
As the bridge they all knew had been sadly neglected.
The engine gained the bridge at a bound,
With a deafening crash, leaped to the ground.
The fire and steam and ashes flew
And consternation seized all the crew.

The people inside the cat hole flew,
Some got stuck and some got thru.
Some jumped out the open door,
Some of them cried and some of them swore.
For all was scared and knew full well,
For each had escaped a watery hell.
Save one poor fellow who drifted away,
And lost his life on that fatal day.

As I gazed at the wreck in the muddy stream,
It seemed to me a gone-by dream.
It didn't seem real to me al all
Those had gone down in that terrific fall;
But I knew I was there, and I will never forget
The frightened faces of those I met.
So, comrades, farewell - - I bid you good-bye
Thankful we did not all die.

-Written by Clarence Edwards

Mount Oval

Mount Oval is a Pickaway County historic landmark. Since 1832 the Renick-Young-Tolbert house has graced an oval shaped knoll of the Pickaway Plains south of Circleville, Ohio along the old Scioto Trail, now US Route 23. In the Archives of Early American Architecture at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., Mount Oval is recognized among the early homes of Ohio for its unique design, excellent craftsmanship and beauty of detail.

The map of the ancient Shawanoese Towns on the Pickaway Plains made from the survey by P.N. White for Felix Renick shows that the house is located in the site of the old Indian towns. The Council House, Grenadier Squaw Town and Chief Cornstalk's Town were all within a few hundred yards of Mount Oval. Logan's Elm, Camp Charlotte and Camp Lewis were all nearby.

The ground was purchased in 1806 by John Boggs, the patent was signed by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. William Renick married Jane Boggs, and they built Mount Oval. In 1860 Jacob Ludwig bought the farm and in 1863 gave it to his son, Daniel, for a wedding present. Daniel and his bride, Julia Ann Steely, went to Cincinnati for their wedding trip and bought furniture for Mount Oval which they shipped back to Circleville on the old canal boat. Some of their furniture still remains in the house today.

Due to illness in the family, the Ludwigs moved from Mount Oval in 1882, and the house was lived in by tenant families until 1915 when Miss Elizabeth Ludwig restored the house and later married Bernard Young, and together they continued the restoration.

The design of the house has a strong Palladian influence evident in Villa Capra and other buildings. The design may have come to the Renicks through architectural books such as those by James Gibbs, or by way of Thomas Jefferson who planned to build a garden house on this design for Monticello. The outstanding architecture of the house, as well as its excellent state of preservation, has been noted by I.T. Frary, in his book "Early Homes of Ohio", by Frank Roos of Ohio University, and by many other architects.

The smoke house served as a model for the reconstruction of Adena in Chillicothe, Ohio. According to Frary it indicates the influence of Virginia and those designed by Jefferson that shows open diamond pattern in the brickwork.

The drover's room shows the functional aspect of the house. The Renicks were the first to herd cattle from the Scioto Valley to markets on the East coast, 68 heads to Baltimore in 1805. Felix and Josiah Renick continued to be important factors in the development of the cattle industry. In 1834 Secretary of State Henry Clay wrote a letter to a Mr. Coke in Norfolk, England, introducing the Renick brothers for the purpose of purchasing cattle for breeding purposes, and they brought back shorthorn cattle to the USA.

The house is of brick, one story high, except for one bedroom and an attic room over the center. The building in its basic conception is a square, with a large central room (the ballroom), twenty-five feet square and twelve feet high. The walls of the central room continue outward defining square rooms in the corner, the dimension of the smaller rooms being ten feet to the sides and a ten foot ceiling. The space between the ten feet square rooms and to the side of the ballroom constitutes porches with Doric columns. On the south and west sides there are four porch columns at each porch – those at the south side are of wood, and stone at the west side.

This severe simple design, strictly Palladian, is totally unexpected for nineteenth century Ohio, much less in 1832. As built, some modifications were made to the basic concept which remains true for the south and west half of the house, as well as the ballroom. Where the porch would have been on the east side we find a room and a hall with the stairs leading to the attic. On the north side, proceeding from the north west corner we find the ten by ten room followed by three rooms, the last two are connected with a ten to eleven foot wide framed opening. To the east and north respectively, the corner rooms at the northwest and southeast corner of the house, the width of the rooms is about fourteen feet.

To the east of the house, in line with the three consecutive rooms, was the free standing kitchen building. To the northeast of the kitchen is a brick smokehouse. The smokehouse is of brick, square in plan, with a hip roof and symmetrical composition. Open diamond pattern brick-work grills replace the need for winders.

A panting of the house, done in the 1930's, shows it with small hip roofs over the corner rooms. Presently the house has one large hip roof. The original covering was shingles, presently it is metal. In 1915 the opening between the kitchen and the house was enclosed.

The woodwork within the house, then mantels, cupboards at their side, the doors and doorways, the stairs all are well executed in cherry and walnut and well preserved. The ornate mantel in the central room is delicately carved in the Adam style.

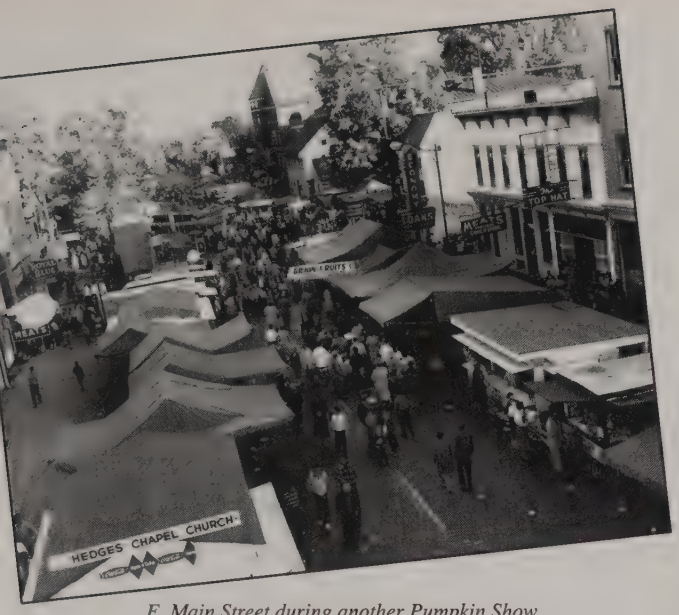
The updating of the mechanical systems has resulted in the southeast corner room being converted to a bathroom and a half bath being built in the old passage between the house and the kitchen.

When Ohio celebrates its 200th birthday in 2010, Mount Oval will have stood for 178 of those years in the State's development. It is my hope that Mount Oval and other historic homes and buildings will be preserved and honored for their significance during these two centuries of change and progress.

This description of Mount Oval was written by Laszlo G. Koe-Krompecker, A.I.A. Architect at Ohio University for the nomination of Mount Oval to the National Register of the U.S. Department of Interior to be included in the National Register of Historic Places in the USA in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

-Written by Mary R. Tolbert

The Pumpkin Show
1903 - 2005



E. Main Street during another Pumpkin Show.

The famous Circleville Pumpkin Show was born like a phoenix from the ashes. It came about as the aftermath of a festival which was widely touted in the Fall of 1902, but which became a financial fiasco. A young entrepreneur named Clark Doughty talked the Circleville business community into supporting a grand October "Korn Karnival" that year. Fifteen "spectacular" acts were scattered about the downtown streets. People were supposed to buy tickets to go in and view the acts. Crowds flocked in from the countryside. They talked and they ate, but very few tickets were sold. Everyone, including Doughty, lost money.

Mayor George P. Haswell watched the event with interest. He realized that expensive acts weren't necessary to draw a crowd. The next year, he talked some of his West Main Street business cronies into setting up a few modest displays and establishing a free street fair. As the old county fair had ceased to exist a number of years before, this new show quickly took its place. By the time of the County Centennial in 1910, the show had emerged as a full-fledged fair. There were displays of horses, cattle and poultry, as well as fruits, vegetables and baked goods. There were also parades with local bands, school children in costume, buggies, autos and floats. A merry-go-round had been added by 1905 and other rides and events followed. The Pumpkin Show was soon to become "The Greatest Free Show on Earth" and has continued to draw crowds for over one hundred years.

For the first forty years of its existence, it was operated by the Pickaway County Agricultural Society. It was recognized by the State of Ohio has a county fair and was therefore entitled to a state subsidy. The show was canceled one year during World War I and was reduced to a junior fair in 1943 and '44 because of the Second World War. This explains why, although it has been in existence for 102 years, the 2005 celebration will be the 99th Pumpkin Show.

In 1945, the County Agricultural Society abandoned the Pumpkin Show and established a county fair at its newly purchased fair grounds out on the eastern edge of town. The Pumpkin Show was in danger of being disbanded. Local interest in its survival was strong, however, and several community leaders, headed by county treasurer, Robert G. Colville and business man, Mack Parrett, banded together to establish "Circleville Pumpkin Show, Inc." Colville was, for many years, the treasurer of the Show and one of its principal boosters. To many, he was "Mr. Pumpkin Show."

The Show went through many changes over the years. Exotic dancers were popular for a few seasons. High wire acts and flagpole sitters had their hour upon the stage and then were seen no more. A very early event was the "Baby Parade" and contest. Every kind of vehicle, from wicker perambulators to strollers and little red wagons have been seen in this perennial favorite.

In 1933, Lucile Heise became the first "Miss Pumpkin Show." Thus was established an annual contest, and later a "Little Miss Pumpkin Show" was added. After the Second World War, a "Queen's Float" began appearing and the "Miss" and "Little Miss," along with their courts, still lead the parade from an elegant float.

Floats play an important part in every parade. For a number of years the creations of the Marvin Thompsons and of Carl Manson were hits in every show. General Electric has usually created its own float and it has often been a winner.

Since 1945, the carnival atmosphere has dominated the Show – with more and more rides and games. There are also larger arts-and-crafts and fruit-and-flower exhibits, and great numbers of food booths – many of them operated by local clubs, school groups and churches. For a number of county churches, the Pumpkin Show booth provides a significant part of their annual budget.

Many local business and professional people volunteer their time during Pumpkin Show week. Announcing, organizing and supervising parades are just three of the many jobs these people do. Among those who have played important roles in the Show during the last half of the twentieth century were the two Neds – Ned Harden and Ned Dresbach. Ned Harden traveled the country advertising the Show. He may still be seen now and then, in his orange coat, surveying the Show from his golf cart.

Around the middle of the century and beyond, several military bands from Washington D.C. gave special performances at the Pumpkin Show. This happened through the efforts of James Dunton, a Circleville native, who, for a number of years, was the public affairs officer to the Secretary of Defense. Many Pickaway Countians still fondly recall these performances.

For nearly fifty years, one of the highlights of the Show was the appearance of native son, Theodore Friedman, better known as Ted Lewis. Ted did much to make jazz respectable and popular in the conservative mid-western states. He rode in many a Pumpkin Show parade, waving his battered top-hat and calling out, "Is Everybody Happy?" to the cheering crowds.

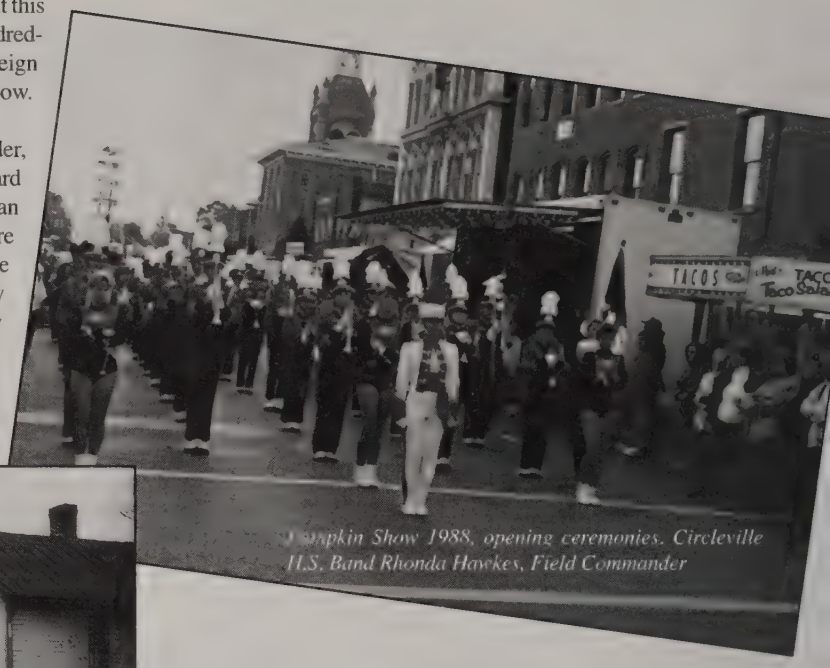
One of the most amazing changes in the Show has been the dramatic increase in the size of the winning pumpkins. In the early days, a fifty-pound pumpkin was considered large. By the 1950's, 200-pound examples were impressive. Last year (2004), Dr. Robert Liggett's prize pumpkin weighted in at 1353 pounds!

The Pumpkin Show has a national reputation. Every year or so, reporters and cameramen from various TV channels, from the New York Times, National Geographic, and various foreign

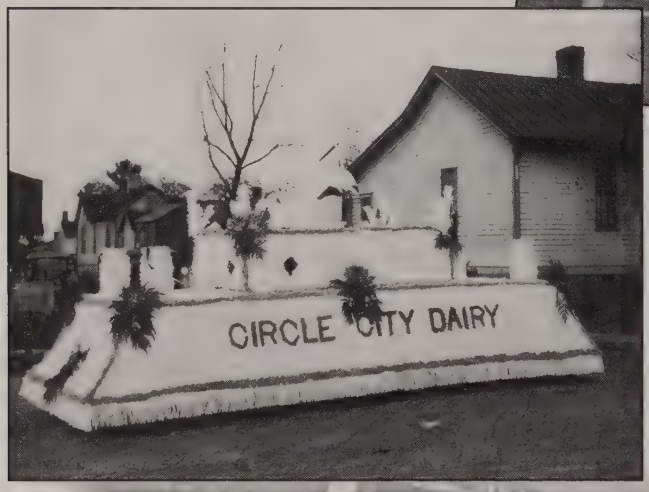
magazines show up in the crowds to do stories about this curious American phenomenon. Two-or-three-hundred-thousand people from many states and several foreign countries may visit during the four days of the Show. Various festival queens also visit.

To honor George Haswell, the festival's founder, Circleville's mayor is always the president of the Board of Trustees of Pumpkin Show, Inc. It is basically an honorary post. The activities of the organization are overseen by the vice president, the secretary and the treasurer. The list of the present officers of the Show is as follows: Mayor Jean Droste, president; Barry Keller, vice president; Dorcas Smalley, treasurer; and Hugh Dresbach, secretary.

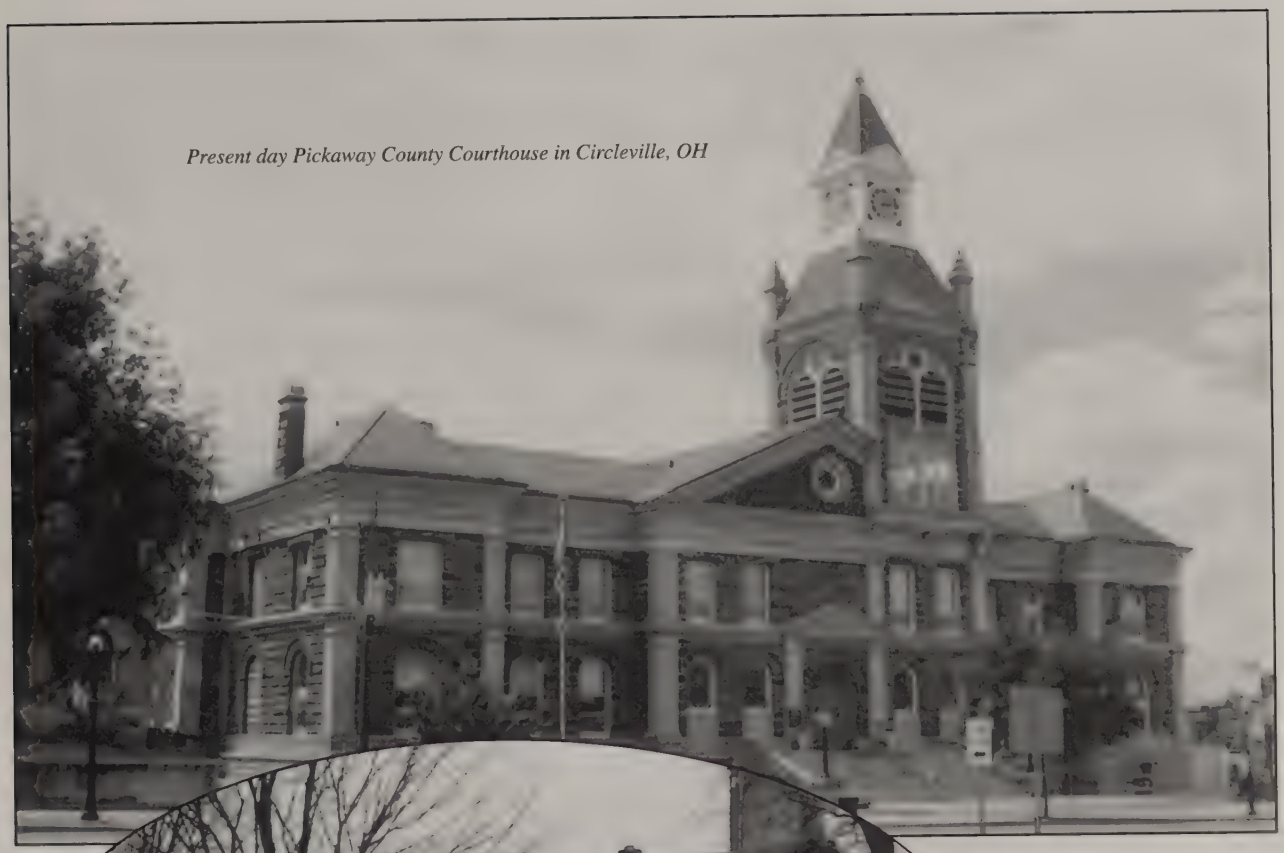
-Submitted by Wally Higgins



Pumpkin Show 1988, opening ceremonies. Circleville H.S. Band Rhonda Hawkes, Field Commander



Circle City Dairy parade float and milk trucks at the Pumpkin show diring the mid 1930s. Gleaming milk cans are visible both on the side and above the cab of the head milk truck (far left). Ward Robinson as owner of the dairy near the corner of Mound and Pickaway Streets. The float featured milk cans on each corner, with a stork "delivering" a baby in a cradle is on top of the design. A ribbon is attached to the milk can on the right front corner facing the float. A winner, perhaps?



Present day Pickaway County Courthouse in Circleville, OH

John Boggs Family Cabin located next to Logan Elm Park.

Military

These few pages are to honor all veterans past and present who have served Pickaway county. A reminder that our freedom is not free.

Last Living Civil War Veterans of the Groce Post, G.A. R. No. 156. Picture taken around 1934. By March 6, 1935, only 4 veterans remained. Back row, Far left: George Washington Trimmer, Vice-Commander, was the last surviving Civil War Veteran in Circleville. Photo courtesy of Linda Minor Coleman.

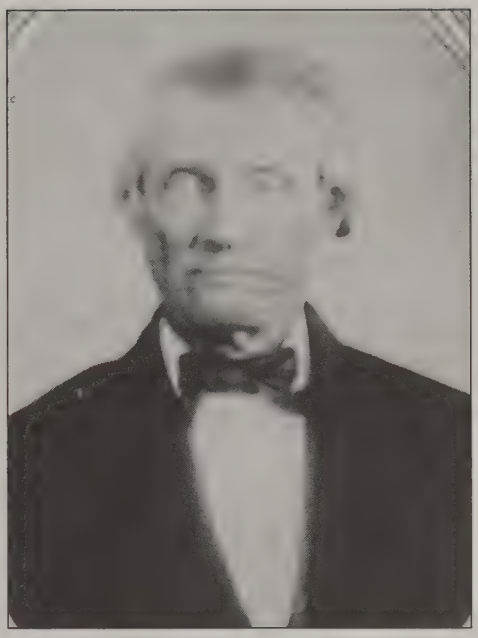
Peter Defenbaugh's Military Story

Peter Defenbaugh was born 27 August 1808, in Tarlton, Ohio. He was the son of Daniel Dieffenbach and Hannah Culp. To the union nine children were born and Stephen was the fourth child. When at home Peter was a cabinetmaker and undertaker.

As Peter was growing up he never seemed to like to stay around home very much. He was always finding some way to be away from the house. This love of wandering stayed with him throughout his life and led to him fighting in two wars; the Mexican War Co. E 4th Ohio Inf. 15 May 1847 to July 1848.

At the age of 53 when the Civil War broke out in 1861 Peter could not resist the temptation of fighting in another war. He enlisted in the 1st Ohio Volunteer Heavy Artillery and was assigned to Battery K 1st O.V. Inf. 17 June 1863 to 25 Feb. 1864.

Peter survived the Civil War and returned to Ohio but the discovery of gold in California was too much of an attraction for him to stay home very long. He loaded up his horse and headed west to strike it rich in the California gold fields. Like so many thousand others, Peter did not strike it rich, but he did get to see the West and have another great adventure! He died in Tarlton, Ohio on 19 May 1865.



Pickaway County Father & Son team served in Civil War. Peter above and Stephen below.

Lt. Stephen Defenbaugh, Civil War Service
(Company I, 58th Infantry Regiment Ohio)

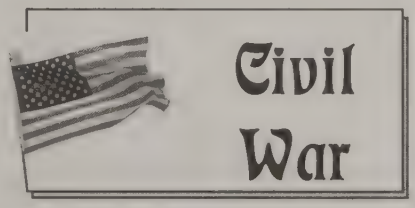
Stephen Defenbaugh was born 29 August 1838, in Tarlton, Pickaway Co., Ohio, the son of Peter Defenbaugh and Catherine Thomas. Stephen enlisted on 17 April 1861, in Co. G, 2nd Infantry Regiment Ohio; discharged at Columbus on 31 July 1861; enlisted at Tarlton on 13 December 1861, in Co. I, 58th Infantry Regiment Ohio, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant; wounded at Chickasaw Bayou; promoted to 1st Lieutenant and adjutant on 1 Janaury 1864; mustered as adjutant, 58th Infantry Regiment Ohio, at Vicksburg, Mississippi on 15 April 1864; discharged at Camp Chase, on 14 January 1865.

The 58th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment was exceedingly active throughout 1862 and 1863. 1 January 1863, disembarked from steamer Planet and embarked on steamer Polar 2 January 1863. arriving near post of Arkansas on 9 January 1863. Disembarked 10 January, and took part in reducing the rebel fort post of Arkansas on 11 January 1863. Embarked on steamer Polar Star on 13 Janaury, arriving at Youngspoint, Louisiana on 22 January. After disembarking was ordered in the advance opposite Warington, below Vicksburg, Mississippi, being on scouts duty. Captured the rebel steamer Desoto on 23 January, while landing to take a supply of fuel. On the 6th of February was detached by Major General Grant for services on the U.S. gunboats comprising the Mississippi squadron. Under command of Acting Rear Admiral David D. Porter and assigned to the following gunboats: Benton; Carondolet, Louisville; Cincinnati; Dekalb; Pittsburg; Mound City; Linden; and Signal and remained in Naval service to 1 August 1863. The members of this command participated in every action the above-named boats were active in. Once relieved from the Naval service, they were attached to the 1st Brigade Division, 17th Army Corps, Army of the Tennessee detached doing provost duty at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Regular navy men scorned service on these river boats, so General Grant was forced to commandeer men from the army to man the gunboats, hence the detachment of Company I, 58th Ohio Infantry and others to the Naval service, which must have seemed strange indeeed to our inland country boys. They gave a good account of themselves, as much credit is given to the activities of these boats and their crews in bringing about the fall of Vicksburg.

After the war, Stephen married Mahala Pontius in 1866, and they had three children. For employment he returned to his father's (Peter) a funeral parlor in Tarlton, Ohio. Stephen died in 1919, in Tarlton, Ohio.

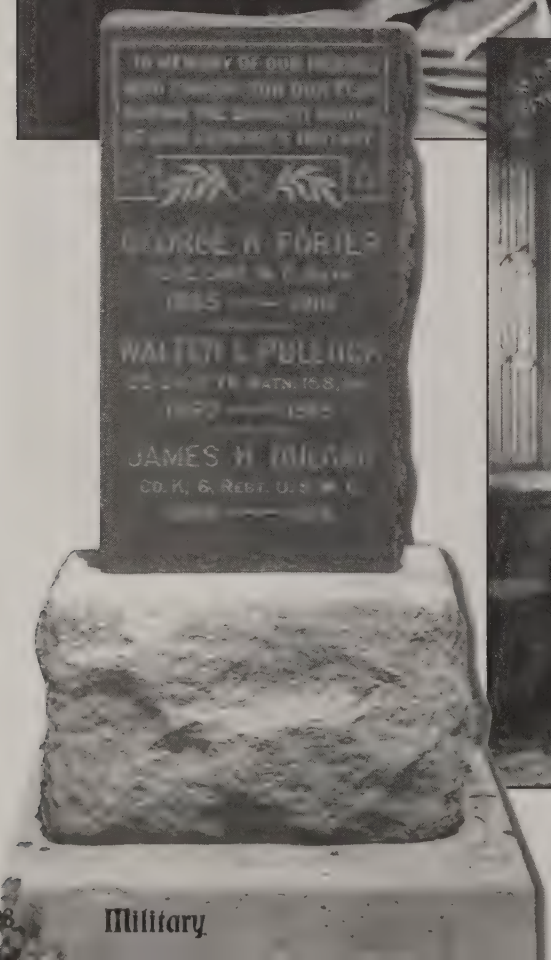
Information from Peter Defenbaugh Man of Adventure by Jan Culbertson, Chula Vista, California



Forrest Short was born June 24, 1894 in Ross County to Barbara Metzger and Cary Short. He served in the Army in World War I in the Calvary. A major requested that Forrest be his mounted orderly because he knew Forrest was known as a good rider, and the major needed help with his horse. He was in the Army in the United States and France.

Forrest's father, Cary Short, sold horses exclusively to the United States Army during World War I. Nearly five thousand horses were sold to the government overseas.

When Forrest was a teenager, he went into the service to help care for the horses. When the Army learned he was not 18, he was sent home. Forrest enlisted in the Army when he became 18. His basic training was at Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, Ohio. Forrest was in France when the war was declared over.



Top Left: Wayne Morris, WWI – 1918
Top Middle: Ralph E. Woolever, WWI Veteran. 1895-1988.
Bottom Left: Monument to WWI, George R. Porter, Walter L. Pollock, and James H. Dulgar.
Bottom Right: Harry Imler & Lyod Vail.

WWI

World War II in Pickaway County

World War II changed the lives of Pickaway Countians forever. Parents were turning over their children to the local draft board in record numbers. In many instances, as many as three or four served from the same family. Many never completed their high school education before entering the service of their country. A white star was placed in the homes window for each member of the family in the service. They boarded the bus at the Courthouse for their trip to Fort Hayes or some other inductee camp. They were then transferred to their basic training camp. After that, their destinations were unknown to them until they were well on their way.

Tearful memories are recalled by survivors of the war, many relating to home. One soldier said he would never forget the look on his fathers face as he boarded the bus with his twin brother, to leave for camp. Mothers were fearful of what news the mail would bring. A strange car in the neighborhood or a telegram caused their hearts to stop. The radio became an all important tool to receive news of the war. Letters from home never told the sons about neighbors who had been killed. Morale of the soldiers was a high priority.

Everyone contributed to the war effort. Women took mens jobs to supply ammunition and other items necessary to keep us in the fight. Victory gardens were planted. Scrap drives produced needed materials and mountains of discarded iron, paper, and other items were collected. Tinfoil from cigarette packs and chewing gum, rubber products, and keys were also collected. There were air raid practices. All openings in the home where light could escape were covered. Air Raid Wardens inspected their assigned neighborhood and were quick to point out any exposed areas of the house.

Quarter stamps were available at the post office and they were purchased as people could afford them. They were then pasted into their savings books and eventually turned in to buy Victory Bonds.

Death of a soldier devastated families. Stress on the parents and siblings changed them forever. They dealt with it and carried on, but they always remembered those shot down, missing in action, or lost for any reason.

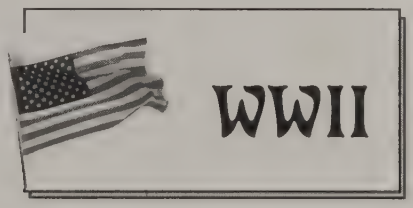
Many went back to school after serving in the armed forces. One such soldier said he was twenty-one when he graduated from Wayne High School. He attended classes with giggly kids and felt like he was forty. Having faced so much, communication with teenagers was very difficult.

Bob Wilson, Showing a gun like he used in WWII. Bob served as a POW for a time during his tour of duty.

Many lost family members while they were serving their country. Grandmothers service was missed, Grandpa died when they were overseas. Christmas boxes, received with such anticipation, were often taken by the Germans. Precious mail was also intercepted.

World War II veterans do not feel as though they were owed something for their service. Many are just beginning to tell their stories and to apply for any benefits. They are grateful to those who remember their service and who take time to talk with them about it.

-Submitted by Darlene Weaver



World War II Time Period Story

(The following is an excerpt of WWII memoirs written by Evelyn Pratt)

I was 14 when we moved to the suburb of Wheatridge, where we raised chickens and grew a Victory garden. (I learned that you *never* name an animal that youll eventually eat!). We saved grease and bacon fat in a rather smelly canister on the stove for the war effort. Pennies were made of zinc because copper was needed for the war. Meat, sugar, and gasoline were rationed. Mother learned to cook with honey, but she never got used to it in tea. Rubber was rationed too, and in hot weather, gummy ersatz tires left black streaks on the pavement. After we'd ice-skated in the mountains 30 miles away, Dad saved gas by coasting downhill 20 miles. Farmer friends who received extra gasoline with which to run their tractors told us that it went down suspiciously fast whenever their teenager drove into town to pick up a date.

As WWII progressed our troops got sulfa, a powder that could be put on wounds in order to stop infection. Near the end of the war the wonder drug penicillin made its appearance. Readers Digest told about a marvelous new fabric made of coal, air, and water that the Air Force used in parachutes. It was called nylon. Eventually it was made into stockings, and women stood in line for hours to buy them. A magazine article said that your nylons would last longer if you washed and dried them after each use and then sealed them up in a Mason jar. So many memories. Yet, when someone asks me, Where were you on V-J Day? I dont remember!

Charles Morris, Jr. and friends in Italy 1944

-Submitted by Joani Hamilton

Joe Morris (England) 1943.

Neil Frazier and Bob Valentine. Neil & Bob siting in the Genealogical Library remembering their war days.

WWII

Items used during WWII. They were on display at the Genealogical Library in the spring of 2005.

The Korean Conflict

In June of 1950, the North Koreans invaded South Korea. President Truman sent a taskforce of soldiers from the 24th Infantry Division into Pusan, and U.S. Ambassador, Warren Austin, at the United Nations, moved for action against the North Koreans.

Since the Russians were boycotting the U.N. at the time, the U.N. voted to support the South Koreans. Soldiers from many nations participated, but the United States provided the majority of the troops.

A number of soldiers from Pickaway County served in this Police Action. Before it ended, on July 27, 1953, thousand of American soldiers had died. The following men from Pickaway County perished: Donald R. Brown, U.S. Marine Corps; Robert L. Hill, U.S. Army; Dr. Burt N. Coers and M. Jean Sharret, U.S. Navy.

In spite of its importance in the effort to limit Communist aggression, it is little remembered today. We wish to honor the sacrifice of those who served in the nearly Forgotten War.

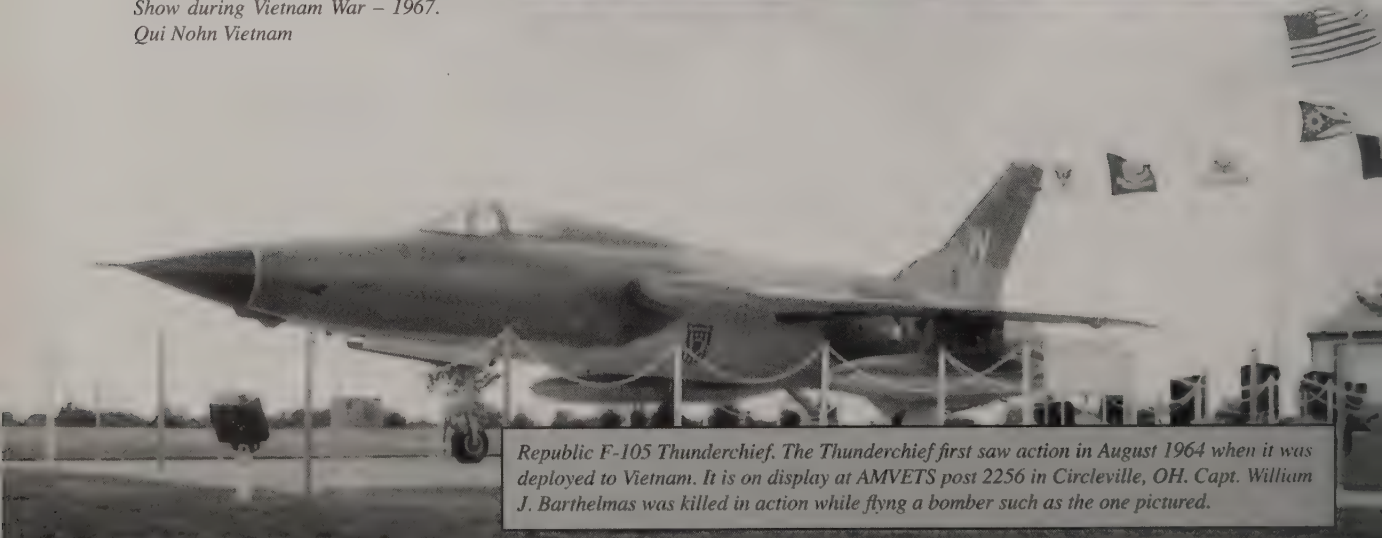
-Submitted by Wallace Wayne Higgins

Corp. W.W. Higgins, 24th Recon, Co., Korea, 1954.

Vietnam

Capt. William J. Barthelmas was the Pickaway County's first fatality in Vietnam. The son of Mr. & Mrs. William J. Barthelmas, Sr. of Circleville. He piloted an F-195 Thunderchief fighter –bomber. Captain Barthelmas graduated from Circleville High School in 1954 and from Ohio State University in 1958, with a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. After earning his wings as a pilot he served in Turkey, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, and two tours in Vietnam. This was to be his last overseas assignment.

Ronald Hawkes Advertising Pumpkin Show during Vietnam War – 1967. Qui Nohn Vietnam



Republic F-105 Thunderchief. The Thunderchief first saw action in August 1964 when it was deployed to Vietnam. It is on display at AMVETS post 2256 in Circleville, OH. Capt. William J. Barthelmas was killed in action while flyng a bomber such as the one pictured.

Capt.Warren B. Sneed
27 May 1973 -13 November 2000

Warren was born in Walnut Creek, California; moved to Carmel, Indiana in 1976 with his family and then moved to Circleville in 1984.

Although, he spent 8 years in Indiana, he grew up in Circleville. He embraced everything he did with tremendous vigor and enthusiasm. He was captain of the Circleville High School football team and the basketball team his senior year. He was awarded the Golden Scholar from the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association. He received the Columbus Dispatch Scholar Athlete Scholarship. He received the James T. Shea Memorial Scholarship Award from the Knights of Columbus. He was the recipient of the Mid State League Hall of Fame Award which is presented to the best student-athlete in the league. He was sports editor of the school newspaper, a senior class officer, Key Club officer and Valedictorian of the Class of 1991 graduating with a 4.0 gpa. He was a member of the National Honor Society. He received appointments to both the United States Military Academy and the Air Force Academy.

Upon graduation from Circleville High School, Warren accepted his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. At the Academy, Warren became interested in Sky Diving and was accepted as a member of the Wings of Blue, the Air Force Academy's competitive sky diving team. This is where he obtained the nickname, "Jerky". During his three years sky diving for the Academy, the teams won many championships and participated in numerous competitions and demonstrations. He had about 1500 jumps by the time he died. He absolutely loved sky diving. It, however, took a second place to flying once he began his training. He was accepted to the Euro NATO flight training program at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas upon graduating from the Academy. He excelled during his training and upon receiving his wings, he was assigned to F 16 Viper training at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Arizona. From there he was assigned to Misawa AFB in Japan to the 14th Fighter Squadron

Fightin' Samurai. He participated in Operation SOUTHERN WATCH IN 1999 and 2000 protecting the "no fly zone" over southern Iraq. As a four-ship flight lead, he had over 850 flight hours on the F-16 and T-38 with over 70 combat sorties. Posthumously he received two medals for outstanding performance from the Air Force.

In 1997 Warren married the former Nancy Peters of Monticello, Indiana. They were a devoted couple and ideally suited to the life they chose. Warren's life was tragically cut short on November 13, 2000 by a F-16 accident over the Sea of Japan.

I think that his best friend, Capt. Rich Murray said it all when he wrote for the Air Force Academy magazine, "Checkpoints": "Warren was the small town hero who was living his dream defending foreign shores with his beautiful wife by his side. He was the life of the party, the heart of the squadron, and the soul of a team, a loving husband, a grateful son, a proud brother and my best friend."

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Jeffrey A. Dean

Jeffrey Dean was born and raised in Circleville, Ohio.Graduated from Circleville High School in Class of 1989.Received Bachelor's degree from the United Stated Military Academy at West Point. Graduated from the Wright State Medical School, Dayton, Ohio.President of his class in medical school for two years; gave the graduation address at commencement.

Internship at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas in Orthopedic Surgery.Board certified in Orthopedic Surgery. Currently serving in the United States Army Heidelberg, Germany

Son of Gary and Mary Jane Dean, of Circleville.Married to the former Jasmin Khair, San Antonio, Texas.In September, 2005 Dean served in Sharm el Shiek in the Sinai Peninsula, in Bosnia, and expects to be assigned to Afghanistan in late 2005.

Major Bart Elsea

Major Bart Elsea was born February 12, 1964 to Thomas and Frances Elsea. He graduated from Circleville High School in 1982. Then went on to receive a BA Degree in Aviation from The Ohio State University. He enlisted into the Air National Guards at Zanesville, Ohio 1982-1990, and in 1990 was commissioned as an officer. Then 1992 graduated from pilot training and worded for the Tennessee ANG and flew c-130's, and is currently working for Youngstown AFR Base full time flying C-130 H2's.

Though the years he has served his county well and has received the following honors and awards.

Junior Officer of the Quarter (received it three times), Junior Officer of the Year (received it two times), Operations Plans Officer of the Year for the following: 10th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, 22nd Air Force, and Air Force Reserve Command. Awards and Decorations also include: Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with one device, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device with three devices, Combat Readiness Medal with four devices, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two devices, National Defense Service Medal with one device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal with two devices, Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border with one device, AF Longevity Service with 5 devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 M Device with two devices, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle), and AF Training Ribbon. PLEASE NOTE: "with two devices", it means he received it three times. "With five devices" means he received it six times, etc.

In 2005 Elsea is stationed at the Youngstown Air Force Reserve Base in Venna, Ohio and works full time as a pilot and tactics officer.

For 17 years he has been married to Laura (George) Elsea from Columbus, Ohio, and they have three sons, Brock 14 1/2, Troy 13, and Braden 7.

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Devin A. Braun
CPT, US Army

Devin Andrew Braun was born 9 September 1970 in Sandusky, OH (Erie County) to Paul and Marilyn Braun. He is the third of four children. CPT Braun graduated from St. Mary's Central Catholic High School in 1988.

In December 1988 he enlisted in the United States Army and graduated from initial training at Fort Knox, KY as a 19D Cavalry Scout in April 1989. Braun served an additional three years in the Regular Army at Ft. Carson, CO in the 2-7th Cavalry Squadron, 4th Infantry Division. He was honorably discharged as a CPL in January 1992.

In April 1994, while attending The Ohio State University, Braun enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard. He served as a traditional part-time national guardsman until June 1996, when he began working on active duty status in the Counter-Drug Program.

In June 1998 Braun received his Bachelors Degree from OSU in history. Shortly thereafter, he graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant (2LT) in August 1998. Braun was assigned to CO C, 1-148 Infantry Battalion, Delaware, OH and attended the Infantry Officers Basic Course.

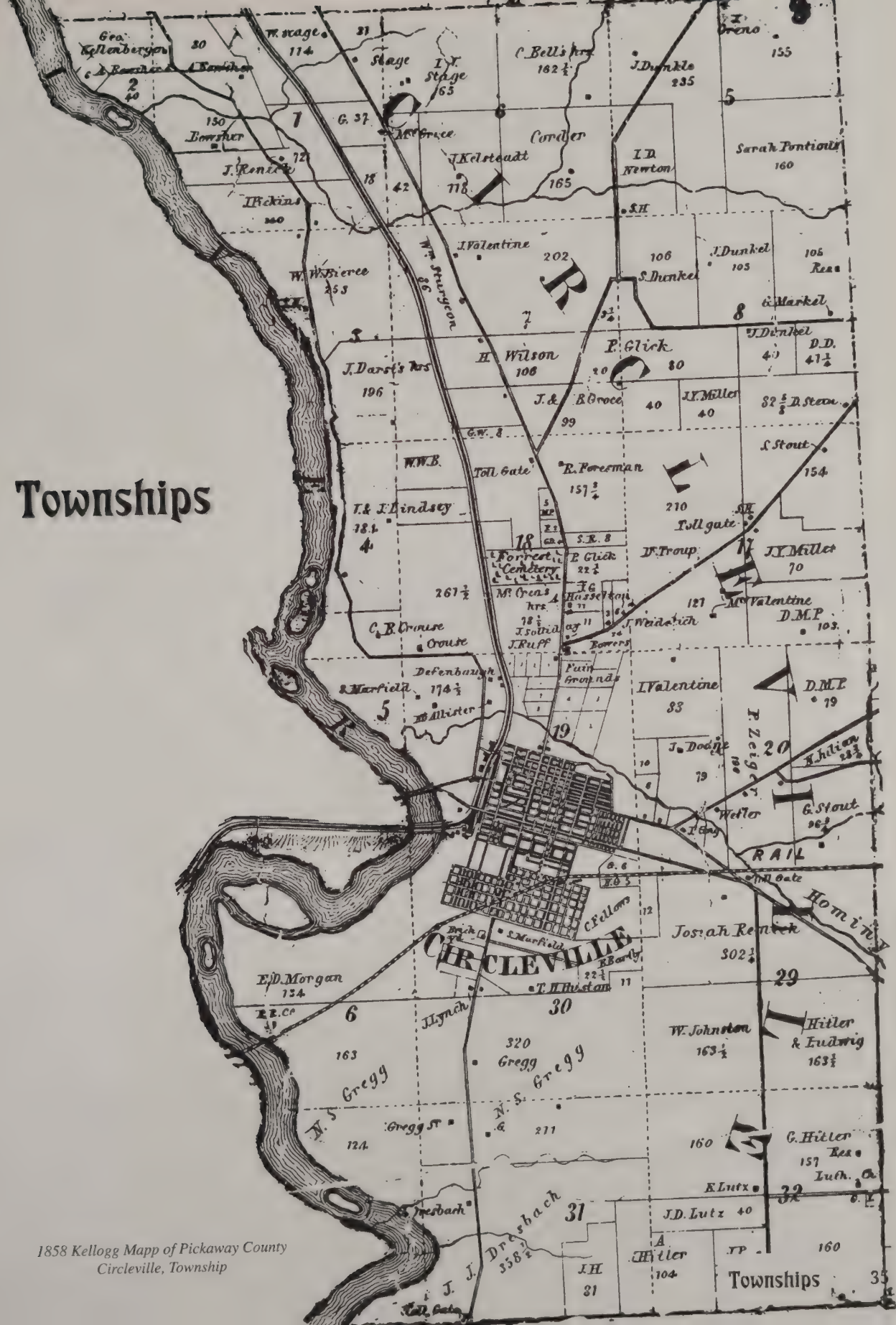
In November 1999, Braun became the active duty Training Officer for the 2-107th Cavalry Squadron headquartered in Kettering, OH and transferred to the Armor Branch. He attended the Tank Commander's Certification Course (Gowen Field, ID) and the Armor Captains Career Course (Ft. Knox, KY). His most recently completed professional education is the Combined Arms and Services Staff School (CAS3), Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

In early 2000, Braun moved from Columbus, OH to Circleville, OH where he currently resides. On 9 September 2000, Braun was wed to Stacy Ann Leist-Braun of Stoutsville, OH. They now have two children, Jude (Jul 03) and Owen (Oct 04)

From May 2004 through March 2005, CPT Braun mobilized and deployed to Kosovo (Republic of Serbia) as part of the NATO led peacekeeping force in this civil war torn Balkans region. During this period, CPT Braun served as the S3 (Plans, Operations, and Training Officer) for Task Force Lancer.

CPT Braun is currently the Commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT), 2-107th Cavalry Squadron, 38th Infantry Division. In September 2005, Braun deployed with his Troop to Southern Louisiana to conduct humanitarian aid and relief operations following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Townships



1858 Kellogg Mapp of Pickaway County
Circleville, Township

A History of Circleville Township

In March of 1833, a territory named Circleville Township was formed in Pickaway County, Ohio. This township was situated between Washington Township (located east of Circleville) and the Scioto River. It was approximately two to three miles wide and six miles long from north to south. At that time, the newly formed territory had 2,000 inhabitants.

Land that laid next to the Scioto River was subject to flooding. However, much of the land was fertile and productive in growing crops such as corn, small grains, wheat, and grass (for pasture). For export, cattle and hogs were raised. This township produced a substantial amount of corn, oats, wheat and hay for the City of Circleville Market.

In 1830, Circleville Township consisted of 15 square miles. In 1840, there were 2,972 inhabitants, with the average of 198 inhabitants per square mile. In 1843, there were 8,927 acres valued at $118,184.00, with the average value per acre being $13.25. Also in 1843, records indicated 392 horses, 801 cattle, 35 carriages subject to taxation and valued at $2,038. The value of township lots was $279,980. Total property valuation was $469,679, and total tax generated from property valuation was $5,985.

According to Ohio Department of Development and the 2000 census, 2,300 people lived in Circleville Township.

First Brick House

The first brick house in Pickaway County was built in 1809 by Daniel Ludwig. He and his family started for Ohio in 1806 with the intention of opening a mercantile store, which was his purpose for erecting the large brick building. This dwelling was located on the southeast corner of Circleville Township. Rex Haecker, a Circleville resident and a Ludwig descendant, conveyed to me that the large brick building was hit by lightning on one side and never repaired.

In 1891, the old brick structure was torn down by David S. Ludwig, the grandson of Daniel Ludwig. A frame dwelling was built which was considered one of the most beautiful homes in Pickaway County. It was built about a quarter of a mile from the Kingston Turnpike in the center of what was called the "Garden Spot of Ohio."

At present, 2005, the Steve Bower Family resides there.

Brick Dwelling Built by Daniel Ludwig in 1809. Circleville Township

Hitler Ludwig Cemetery

In 1807, when Daniel Ludwig returned from Berks County, Pennsylvania, he noticed a new grave in the corner of a field on his farm. One of his sons had passed away while he was gone. Within two year, two more sons died and that became the beginning of the old Ludwig burial ground.

Originally, the site started out as about one-third of an acre, and is now 10 acres. The Hitler or the Ludwig family would give people land for burial. Hence, the land set aside for a burial place became known as the Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery.

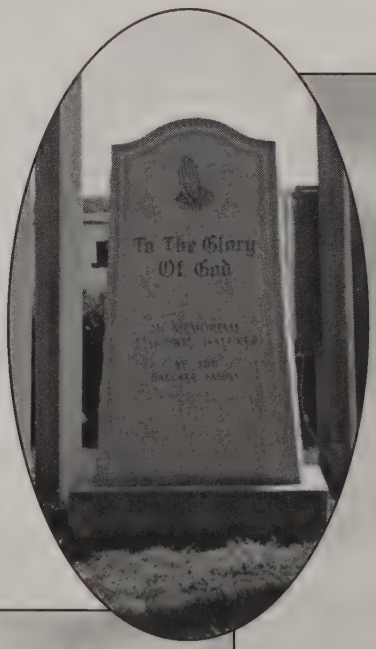
Rex Haecker conveyed to me that in 1889, the cemetery was chartered as a non-profit cemetery by the state of Ohio under the name Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery.

Nelson Hitler gave $13,000 to the cemetery, $10,000 was to build a chapel and $3,000 was for maintenance.

When Rex Haecker's beloved mother died in the early 1960's, the family gave additional land to the cemetery. His oldest brother wanted a carillon (bell tower) in her memory. The two of them traveled to Cincinnati and were given a price. Later a painting was given to them depicting how the carillon would look. Originally, the carillon set on the family lot, but the cemetery board felt they would have better access to it if it set where it is now. Mr. Haecker's brother never lived to see the actual bell tower.

Mr. Haecker's sister, Margaret Wilmine Haecker, who died on February 12, 2003 at the age of 93, wanted a fountain in the cemetery. The fountain was made in Alabama. When hauling it to Ohio, they had to get the approval from the sheriff's department of each state they traveled through because of its size. The hedge around the outside of the fountain is Canadian boxwood. At present, a new lighting system is being designed to illuminate the fountain and the flagpole. Originally, the lighting was down in the fountain, and now it will be on the ground.

Mr. Haecker, like many of us who have our lot there, "take pride in that little cemetery."



Below: The Freedom Fountain. The Haecker Family gave to the cemetery.

Monument at Freedom Fountain.

Above: The Carillon. In memory of Rex Haecker's Mother.

Monument at foot of Carillon (Bell Tower) Hitler-Ludwig.

In 2000, Larry Wills with D & L Development, took an option on the Crites Farm, located at U.S. 23 and Crites Road. The purpose of the option was to construct a super Wal-Mart store with additional outlots and a strip mall adjacent to the Wal-Mart store. The intention was to annex the 166 acres into the city for needed water and sewer services.

After circulating a petition to surrounding land owners, it was found that the majority of the owners did not want to be annexed into the city. The Circleville Township trustees were very active in trying to keep the land in the township. Wills applied to the County Commissioners for annexation of the land. At the hearing for the annexation, Wills withdrew the petition because of resistance from neighbors and the township.

As the process of trying to get the development started, Wills formed a partnership with the Don M. Casto Organization. At that time, Casto was responsible for all of the Wal-Mart stores in the Columbus area. The developers still wanted to pursue the city for utilities. The township proposed a joint venture with the city, and a joint economic development (JED) was proposed. The township had prepared a JED plan. The city hired an attorney to review and counter propose points they felt were necessary. Paul Lukeman from Casto assisted in the negotiation. His primary challenge was to convince the mayor. City Council finally approved an agreement. The mayor had nine days to sign the agreement, not sign, or veto it. He chose not to sign it. Council did not try to override his decision.

The developers were determined to build on this location. They pursued utilities from Earnhart water company. Earnhart, being a consumer owned water company, also had the ability to furnish sewer and committed to supply services. Not having sufficient pressure lines to supply a fire sprinkler system, a water tower needed to be constructed. A steel tank would need to be periodically cleaned to remove rust and repainted on the inside, however, a glass lined tank would never need to be taken out of service for this maintenance. Therefore, a glass tank was constructed on the site.

With all this time lapsed, construction was started in the fourth quarter of 2004.

To service this area, a traffic study by the Ohio Department of Transportation indicated that the Crites Road and U.S. 23 intersection was a high accident intersection, and needed to be closed. Therefore, a new intersection needed to be designed. This intersection extended Court Street into the Crites farm and connected with Sperry Drive on the west side of U.S. 23. Crites Road was moved south and intersected with Court Street. This new road provided entrance directly into the Super Wal-Mart shopping center, with traffic stacking room allowing much better traffic flow. The construction cost of this road was in excess of $1 million, of which $970,000 was funded with tax incremental financing through the sale of bonds to be retired with the proceeds of the additional real estate taxes generated by additional valuation of property.

The new Wal-Mart Super Store opened to the public on May 25, 2005. It has over 200,000 square feet. The additional shops and restaurants will employ more than 450 people. This addition to Circleville Township not only increased property values, but it helped to employ persons in the area.

-Submitted by Dale and Jo Ann Bower

Franklin Street School

Darby Township

By 1810, with the organization of Pickaway County, Darby Township was established. In its 'Hay Day,' farming was the primary industry but also included two grocery stores, a hardware store, the IOOF lodge, three churches, post office, two blacksmiths, one physician and one public school. In 1884 the C.C.&M. Railroad established Derby as a fast growing village.

The year 2005 now finds the township has become an extension of Columbus with only one grocery store (Bubba's Corner), one grain elevator (Champaign Landmark Inc.) and no public school. The public school is now the Westfall Local School District located on Pherson Pike in Muhlenberg Township. However, agriculture is still the primary source of revenue.

The Ohio Willow Wood

15441 Scioto Darby Road

Darby Township, Pickaway County, Ohio

As a leader in designing and manufacturing lower limb prosthetic components, Ohio Willow Wood is dedicated to providing the best prosthetic solutions possible for amputees throughout the world.

William Edwin Arbogast started this business after a train accident in 1905 left him a bilateral amputee ... one leg amputated above the knee and the other one below the knee.

Dissatisfied with the poor quality and ill-fitting prostheses of that period, William carved his own from willow wood from his own farm. To help others he set up a manufacturing plant in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. William's sons, Edwin and John joined him at the plant in the late 1940's.

Edwin's knowledge of prosthetics coupled with John's business skill lead to the co-development of the first semi-finished, lower extremity, above knee prosthesis in the United States that incorporated interchangeable parts. Since that time, Ohio Willow Wood has remained an innovative industry leader in design, manufacturing, and distribution of prosthetic products.

It is a vision of Ohio Willow Wood to become the world's leader in "leveling the playing field" between physically unchallenged people and all people who find themselves challenged due to limb loss or limb dysfunction.

Visit Ohio Willow Wood's website at www.owwco.com to learn more about the company.

DPL Energy, Inc.

2002

Darby Electric Generating Station

Pickaway County, Ohio, Darby Township

A total of eighteen (18) acres of farmland was removed from agricultural use for the construction of the 480 MW Combustion Turbine Peaking station. Consisting of six (6) 80 MW general electric frame 7 – EA simple cycle combustion turbine generators.

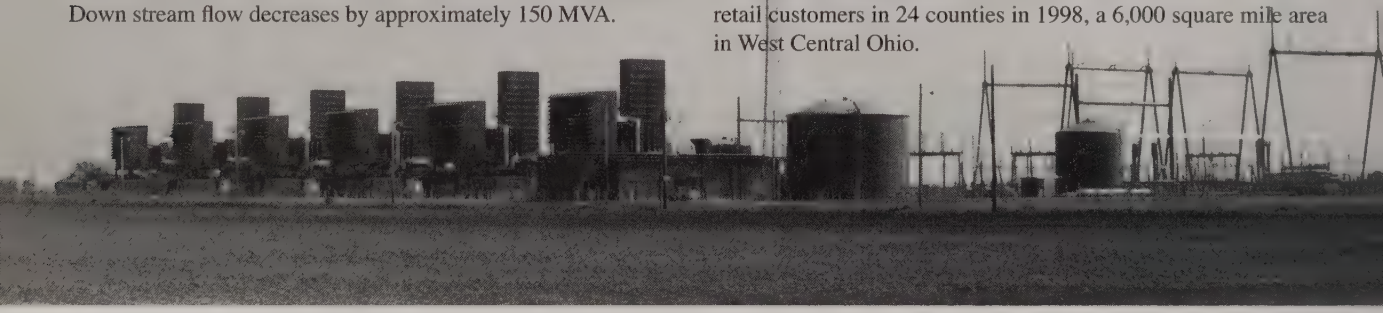
Selection of the site was determined by the 345 KV Electric Transmission Line and a natural gas pipe line (fuel supply) where they cross. (Backup fuel is No. 2 fuel oil stored in a 1.4 million-gallon tank).

Power flow upstream of the station as proposed, increases power flow from 581 MVA to 909 MVA, 87% of the lines normal rating. Down stream flow decreases by approximately 150 MVA.

The turbine units are enclosed in an insulated enclosure to reduce operational noise. Sound levels at the closest resident (1,200 ft), as proposed is 63.5 decibels with all six units operating simultaneously. No significant impact on the existing environmentally sensitive habitats has incurred.

Running at full capacity on fuel oil (backup fuel) requires 780 galls of water per minute. A large diameter well in the limestone aquifer (approximately 250 feet deep) can produce up to 500 gallons per minute, additional de-mineralized water stored in a 950,000-gallon tank.

DP&L provided electric service to approximately 490,000 retail customers in 24 counties in 1998, a 6,000 square mile area in West Central Ohio.



Marine Mart

1956

Sales and Service

8752 Harrisburg Pike – U.S. 62

Owner: James D. Fortney

James D. and Marveen Fortney opened the Marine Mart and Marine Mart Trailer Sales in 1956 on U.S. Route 62 between Derby and Harrisburg on the corner of Ballah Road. They sold mainly Airstream Travel Trailers, Crestling Boats, Evinrude Boats, Drawrite Hitches, hardware and supplies.

The 10 acre lake at the store location was used to demonstrate their boats and equipment. They hosted many Wally Byam (the founder of Airstream) Caravan Clubs to rallys at their lake beginning in 1959.

Mrs. Albert (Ruth) Fields worked with them in the business until they retired in 1975. John Looney, George Wolfe and Darvin Conley, all of Darby Township, all good mechanics, worked in the service department.

Mr. Jim Fortney, one of eight children, was born in Lumberport, West Virginia. His family moved to Ohio when he was seven years old. His parents were Ray and Mamie Fortney. Mr. Jim Fortney died January 12, 2003. Jim and Marveen had two children, Byron D. born 12-18-1942 and died 6-18-1982, and Kay Vylee, born 10-7-1947, and is married to Thomas W. Greaves and lives in San Diego, California.

Derby Lodge, No. 770 IOOF
Darby Township, Pickaway County
Chartered 26 October 1888

Signed by:
F.B. Zay noble grand
J.L. McKinney vice grand
John Little warden
William Chidney secretary
L.W. Sherwood treasurer

The foundation of the Lodge Hall was laid in 1906, (built of pressed brick) and was completed at the cost of $4,000.00

Until the building was completed the meetings were held on the second floor or Mr. Mitchells Meat Shop on the corner of Oak Street and London Road.

I.O.O.F. organized the first fish fry in September 1914. Services were provided to the township community through troubled times and illness also showing high regard and loyalty of their members.*

The thriving township has now changed and sadly The Derby Lodge 770 Hall was sold 4-5-2005. The meetings are currently being held at the Darby Township Hall.

*Mrs. George Sweet, Derby Area News, Mt. Sterling Tribute 4-27-1977

-Submitted by Richard Christensen

Leistville Tavern, 1915 – Henry Clay and Santa Anna slept there in 1918. (Salt Creek Township)

Deercreek Township & Williamsport

"Necumsia Siotati" – the little river through the great deer fields – flows swiftly over limestone and shale across southwestern Pickaway County. Deercreek Township is a deep alluvial plain surrounding the narrow valley where Deer Creek cuts into the bare bedrock of a buried ridge-top. The visible geography is the exact reverse of the geology beneath. Consequently, numerous springs arise through rock strata from deep mineral deposits. The largest bed of round shale concretions in Ohio, a geological oddity, form the bottom of the creek-bed in Williamsport, the top of a deep seam of giant stones.

The frontier Deercreek settlement was part of pre-statehood Ross County. Modern Shawnee in Clark County claim their ancestors from here lived in scattered log cabins, along with Pennsylvania gunsmiths, in the 1770's in settlements called Pickaweekee on the west bank and Bluejacketstown on the east bank of Deer Creek. In early times the so-called "chalybeate springs" of the Williams Town settlement drew travelers among the grist and sawmills and "sin" was a concern. Three religious camp-meetings attracted over 2000 souls each, led first by Rev. Barton Stone at Williams Town (now Williamsport) in 1800, followed twice by Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury on the Ross County line.

After settlement, the Williamsport First Addition was soon platted east of Water Street (the trail). The Turnpike (now US 22) came later in about 1830. The community exported timber, wheat and livestock and even printed its own currency in the 1860's.

The C & MV (Pennsylvania) Railroad had linked Williamsport to Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at "Woodlyn", the station south of town, before the Civil War.

-Submitted by Steve Seaburn

The 20th Century in Williamsport

At the beginning of the 20th century the seven-year-old, two-story Williamsport High School had burned. Grammar School was conducted in the Town Hall and High School in the Grange Hall the following year. A grand new structure rose from the ashes with marble window sills, tin ceilings and spacious classrooms. The building had a limestone base floor and two stories of brick with a slate roof and front towers enclosing an arched entrance – a castle for learning. The building was doubled in size in 1915, including an auditorium and stage as the school district expanded into adjacent townships. From 1901-1964 Williamsport High School graduated 814 scholars.

The "round rocks", concretions imbedded in shale, at top or a ridge of such stones intefral to the shale strata hundred of feet deep, largest such exposed geology in Ohio."

The village grew southward with residential additions. A new Farmers National Bank & Masonic Building was erected in 1902. Milling consolidated to the Hess Mill on Bluff Street. The village installed its first utility, natural gas lines, about 1910 and had gas street lights. Williamsport now retains the only village owned gas system in Ohio. The "Williamsport News", published weekly by the Tipton family was a voice for progress from 1889-1879. (See further discussion of "The News" and other businesses below).

In 1918 several ladies of the community, due to an interest in foreign missions, formed the Sorosis Club. The first President was Esta Tipton. The organization supported the troops at Camp Sherman and has contributed to the Red Cross, TB Society, MS, Cancer Society, Heart Fund and many other community and county-wide causes.

Water Street, Williamsport, west side, Town Hall in foreground before1920.

Middle photo: The Tip House, Mill & Water Streets, offices of the "Williamsport News" Publishing Co.& Print Shop, 1889-1979.

Bottom Photo:Williamsport High School, Deercreek Township School District, Built 1901.

After World War I, the wooden two-story Town Hall & Opera House on Water Street burned and was replaced on Green Street by the US Army "Pavilion" from Camp Sherman (Chillicothe) and was used for the new sport of basketball. The remodeled Pavilion is now the Township House/Fire and EMS House. The Christian Church burned with the Town Hall and was rebuilt and later joined the Church of Christ in Christian Union denomination. A Pilgrim Holiness Church was built at the south point which continues today as the Williamsport Community Church. The 1890 Methodist Church, third on the site, was enlarged in 1962. The Knight of Pythias Lodge built the Castle Movie Theater; the building has been the Post Office for the past 50 years. Alongside the Pennsylvania Rail Station at Woodlyn, the Hunsicker and (Betts) Heffner Elevators exported grain for decades.

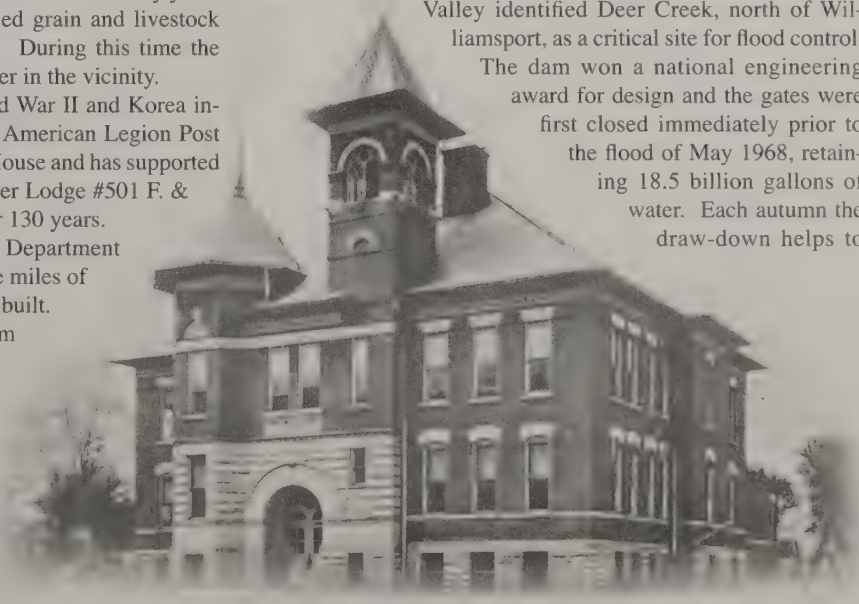
The mechanization of agriculture brought gasoline (later diesel) tractors. The Dunlap company, dealing in Massey Harris/Ferguson equipment had a regional clientele of farmers for over forty years and also managed several large diversified grain and livestock operations from the Williamsport office. During this time the Dunlap Company was the largest employer in the vicinity.

The return of the veterans from World War II and Korea invigorated the town. The Johnson-Miner American Legion Post 618 bought the former Methodist Parish House and has supported veterans affairs and the community. Heber Lodge #501 F. & A.M. and Eastern Star remain active after 130 years.

The Williamsport & Deercreek Fire Department was formed which serves over 100 square miles of the county. The public water system was built. In 1950 the school added a new gymnasium still in use today on the Community Square. The Wright Lumber Company served contractors and residents for about fifty years and pioneered in the design of roof trusses and also developed the Wright subdivision. The Valone & Yamarick Construction Company was based west of the village for decades and built the Deer Creek Acres subdivision.

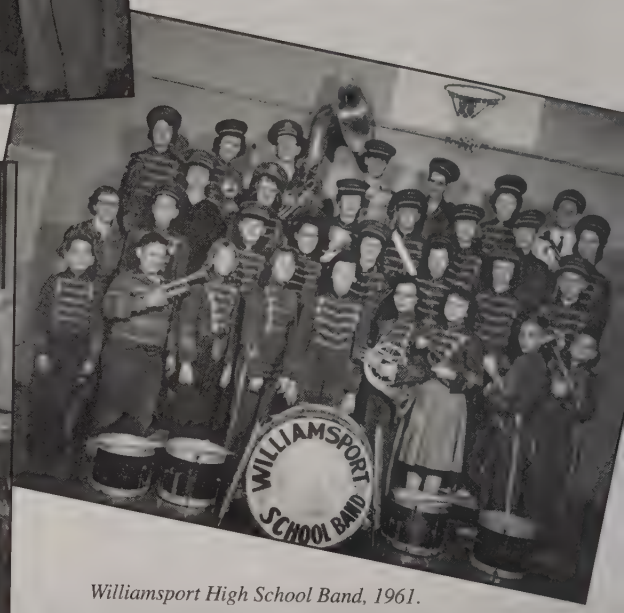
Deercreek Auto Parts has for over fifty years specialized in the mass merchandising of late-model auto salvage parts and provides support to the Fire Department. In mid-century the state replaced the iron bridge returning the sulphur spring to its natural outlet and later rebuilt and widened U.S. 22 across the township.

The 1960's brought the Westfall Local School system and the construction of Deer Creek Dam. The 1959 flood of the Scioto Valley identified Deer Creek, north of Williamsport, as a critical site for flood control. The dam won a national engineering award for design and the gates were first closed immediately prior to the flood of May 1968, retaining 18.5 billion gallons of water. Each autumn the draw-down helps to



Williamsport High School Champion Basketball Team. 1953.

Charter Members of the Johnson-Miner Post 618 American Legion.



Williamsport High School Band, 1961.

Williamsport Girls Basketball Team. 1928-29

clean the Ohio River as more water flows down Deer Creek than is used annually by Columbus. Each spring the village hosts the Deercreek Dam Days Festival as a community homecoming event. Founders of Dam Days included two businesses, Bush Tool & Die and Thompson Floats.

Then came the year 1980. In twenty minutes on the Saturday afternoon of July 12th, the upper-air jet-stream current descended and raked western Pickaway County with hail on sustained winds exceeding 90 m.p.h. The "Circleville Herald" recorded crop loss estimates at over $15 million for a 150 square mile area surrounding Williamsport. As mounds of hail stones melted it was instant autumn for miles around – a wholly denuded landscape with collapsed barns. Though the community was galvanized in its response, record high interest rates on businesses were a follow-up disaster. The wholesale conversion of employment to long-distance community began in earnest a decade ahead of other farming townships. (See further discussion of 1980 below).

Trends to modernize are relentless, and in the past forty years Williamsport has built a sanitary sewer system, rebuilt the gas system and relocated the well-field to the Big Darby aquifer in the middle of the county to prepare for future growth. The Fire Department has continually updated and, the Williamsport & Deercreek Emergency Squad has also saved lives and promoted the health of the community. The Cook family built Don's Groceries, the Oesterle family developed the corner gas station and grocery that is now Pettit's Marathon & IGA. The new Hamburger Inn and Subway restaurants each serve a large menu of sandwiches. The Metzger Insurance family handsomely rebuilt their office on Mill Street. Yipe Stripes/Road Show details race cars and Rigsby's Garage re-tunes all others.

In 2001, 400 acres were added to town as the Barnes family developed the Crown Hill Golf Club on the spacious rolling and wooded land west of the creek. Recreation has resumed as a major business along Deer Creek as it was 200 years before when the sulphur spring first drew the travelers to log hotels among the deer fields.

The "Williamsport News" and other Businesses of the 1900's

The first newspaper in Williamsport was printed by hand set type in 1886 and was called the "Rip Saw" (the first addition was the "Rag Baby"). Editors changed and so did the size of the paper. It became the "Williamsport News" in 1889 with the ownership of Tom H. Tipton, son of the Civil War Dr. T.C. Tipton. With the death of Tom H. Tipton, the paper was taken over by his son, Fred L. Tipton, his wife Esta, and his mother and brother-in-law, David Metzger. New linotype and typesetting equipment was purchased in the 1930's and Earl Anderson joined the staff. Fred Tipton was also the Pickaway County Auditor. After his death in 1955, the "News" as it was called in the shop, was continued by Esta Tipton and son, Tom "Andy" Anderson, with help from Bob Mills.

The "News" was the only paper produced on the west side of the Scioto River in Pickaway County and so it was rich in local news that covered the many small communities in the western townships. The Tipton family printed the paper for 87 years, sending it free to any service man from the community. On Wednesdays, copies of the paper went to former residents all over the United States. Mr. Anderson, who had set by hand large type headlines and ads, ran the presses producing sale bills, programs and political material, retired in 1975 after 40 years. Mr. Mills took over until 1979. The weekly melting of the previous lead for the linotype, to create a next edition, and other outmoded equipment made it impossible to reach deadlines. Originals of "The News" for all years were saved and the entire collection was placed on microfilm. Copies of it exist at the Ohio Historical Society, Columbus and in Circleville at the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Society where the originals are also preserved.

Besides the Tipton's, other noted business people of the 1900's in Williamsport include White Campbell, President of the Farmers National Bank for decades. W.D. Heiskell, Sr. the Realtor. Dr. Sheets delivered hundreds of babies. Clarence Harmount, actor, could recite all the lines from Uncle Tom's Cabin at age 80; their family's troop toured Ohio annually from Williamsport. Clark Hunsicker had an elevator and feed mill at Woodlyn. Russ Howard and Gene Alkire were long-time mailmen. Norman Leist, mechanic, and Harry Keller, welder, were a team. Ansel Whitesed was an iceman and butcher. William Hurley was a honey man. Archie Rawlinson and Ray & Rose Horch owned grocery stores across the street from each other.

Red and Frances Fry owned the Drugstore formerly Doc Luellen's. Charles Galeghor had a department store. Ballard and Bernice O'Conner were paper hangers. Shorty Christopher and Harvey Easter were plumbers. Luther Anderson sold M&M farm equipment. Eugene Upperman sold the first TV's. Cliff Jones was a house painter. Charles Johnson, the artist, painted the large portrait of Christ at Gethsemane in the Methodist Church. Ernie Hill was the undertaker and surveyor. Pearl Dreisbach and Jessie Beathards were the telephone operators. Nolie Howard owned the bar nicknamed the "Silver Slipper". There was A.J. Book's produce where eggs were bought and sold. Minnie Lad was the midwife. Leonard Lingo, Roy and Walter Wright, George Walker and Jack Clark (founder of Deercreek Auto Parts) all had gas stations. Donna Carter, the first beautician, later became a nurse. Ray Ulm's Hardware dated back a hundred years to the Davis family and was sold to Paul Whitesed. There was Jack Dunlap's farm equipment and Warren Wright's Lumber Yard. Harley and Anna Wing sold ice cream. Gene and Dorothy Bush converted the movie theater to a Post Office and lived above. Restaurants were owned by the Wings, Rocky Mahorney and Clara Jane Richards. The barbers were Rex Pitt and Bob Willis. All were instrumental in the commerce of Williamsport after 1900. They employed local people including young people and students in the summer.

-Submitted by Cinda Justice

The 1980 Wind Storm That Changed Deercreek Township

The spring had started as though we were in a greenhouse. Light showers to keep the soil moist, but no large rains, which allowed us to return to the planting by the next day. This is illustrated by the picture taken by my wife, Martha, with our daughter, Tonya, 8 and son, Heath, age 5. "See our corn is over knee high by the 4th of July." Wheat harvest was going slow because of pop-up showers causing the moisture to be too high for storage or marketing. I had slowly worked at harvest and had approximately 10 acres to finish by Friday, July 11th. However, a late afternoon shower stopped harvest. I thought, no problem, I can finish the next day if the weather permits. As I recall, Saturday, July 12th, 1980 was a bright day, but very humid. I knew the wheat would dry slow, so the morning was spent doing odd jobs and Martha mowed the yard and worked in her flower beds. At noon it started to cloud up so the kids and I went to the other farm, 11 miles closer to Williamsport, to put the wagon in the machinery shed and close the doors. A large black cloud was in the northwest and a few large raindrops hit the truck. As we drove south on the Chillicothe Pike back to our main farm, the wind had increased greatly and the main barn door was being blown out from the barn like a blanket on a clothesline. As the wind slowed and the door went back to position, I drove the pickup truck against the door. At that moment day turned to night. The wind blew – the rain and hail fell and in less than 15 minutes, it was over.

The children and I were in the truck and Martha was in the house. The first thing I saw was a gravity-bed wagon with its door open and the hail had piled as if the wagon had been full of grain … and you had to open the door to let it run out on the ground. I then looked at the house and the roof was gone. Quickly, I grabbed the children and ran to the house to find that Martha was OK. The noise of the chimney falling caused her to go to the back of the house, resulting in her not being hit by the broken glass from the windows being broken from the hail. The whole north side of the house was dented as if you had used a ball-pin hammer on it. We walked and waded through the water in the living room to get outside to view the crops that were picture perfect at noon, shoe-top high at 4:00 p.m. and a devastating loss.

The economic impact by the total storm can be read in the July 14, 1980 issue of the "Circleville Herald" and the July issue of the "Ohio Farmer". As I look back, the storm of 1980 was an event that started an economic decline in Deercreek Township. Farmers with a tight cash-flow lost a year's income, but had all the expenses of planting their crops. Local agribusiness lost potential sales because farmers didn't have the income to make purchases. Farm owners became operators and farm size decreased. Livestock and equipment had to be sold and land rented to help meet financial obligations the remainder of the year.

-Submitted by Paul Ewing

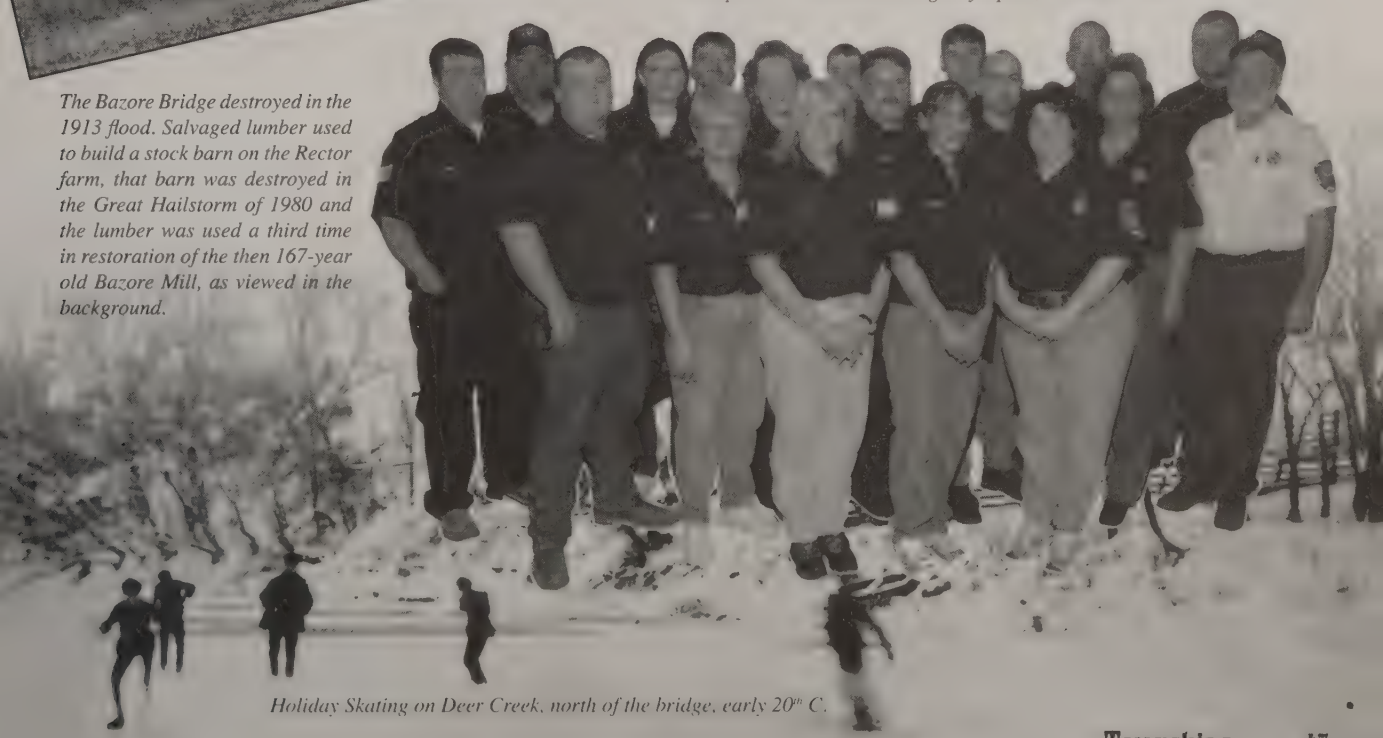
Fry's Drug Store Soda Fountain, 1950's.

Ray Ulm's Hardware, early 20th C. formerly the Davis Hardware which had been a long-time gathering place of Civil War veterans.

The Bazore Bridge destroyed in the 1913 flood. Salvaged lumber used to build a stock barn on the Rector farm, that barn was destroyed in the Great Hailstorm of 1980 and the lumber was used a third time in restoration of the then 167-year old Bazore Mill, as viewed in the background.

Williamsport Post Office Force, 1920.

Williamsport & Deercreek Emergency squad, WADES, 2005.



Holiday Skating on Deer Creek, north of the bridge, early 20th C.

Harrison Township - Ashville

Although boundaries have remained unchanged since Harrison Township's inception in 1810, new housing and commercial interests have caused a significant increase in population: Harrison Township – 6424; Ashville – 3174; South Bloomfield – 1179.

Township trustees are: Paul E. Welsh, President, James Kuhlwein, Keith Peters, Dorothy Green, Clerk-Treasurer, Joseph De Felice, Zoning Inspector, Kevin Hulse, Cemetery Sexton, and Bill Welsh, Fire Chef.

In 2005, Marvin Hoarsley retired after 25 years as Cemetery Sexton. Jim Irwin retired after 40 years as Township Clerk-Treasurer.

In 2005 Pickaway County, Harrison Township, South Bloomfield and Ashville signed the North Gate Alliance Cooperative Economic Development Agreement to promote good land use and employment.

Chester Benton Hedges, Gretchen Plum (Rolland) Featheringham, Pauline Roese, Wilma Jean Whitehead (Frank) Hinkle and Madge Rohr (Frank) Baum still own or reside on property owned by two or more previous generations.

Harrison Township Fire Department

In early years, fire engines were housed behind Billy Bowers' grocery store, near #1 Main Street in Ashville. A fire bell in the steeple of the Lutheran Church was rung by hand. The first fire station was located at the northeast corner of Long and Cherry Streets in a village-owned building, which also housed the jail. In 1990 a new fire station was built on S.R. 752, just west of Teays Valley High School. Paul E. Welsh retired after 43 years with the Fire Department, the last 16 (1986-2002) as Chief. Prior Chiefs included George W. Brobeck, Tommy Rife, Eddie Cummins, Don Rathburn, Andy Ward, and Rolland Featheringham.

Schools

Lockbourne Army Air Base was established in 1942. A glider airfield was located near the Dale Schiff farm. The base was once home to the famous Tuskeegee Air Squadron. In the late 40's it was known as Lockbourne Air Force Base, then changed to Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. With its deactivation in the late 70's and early 80's, the designation was changed to Rickenbaker Air Cargo Center. Civilian support jobs at LAFB were abundant. The influx of families increased the need for housing and educational facilities. The later arrival of sub-divisions such as Ashton Village and Ashton Woods further pressured the school system.

Ashville, Walnut, Madison and Scioto Township schools were consolidated as the Teays Valley School District. The first high school class to graduate was 1963; Teays Valley Middle School was built later. Head Start and GED classes began.

In 2003, the Ashville School on Walnut Street, built in 1928, was replaced with a modern, state-of-the-art building, for grades one through 5.

Many fine teachers taught at Ashville: Avis Reid Sark, Ed Irwin, Shirley Cooper, Nelle Oesterle and Marilyn Clifton. In 1950 the Ashville Harrison Alumni Association was established.

Transportation

In 1903 the Scioto Valley Traction Line interurban (third rail) brought electricity and the telephone to the region. The line carried workers, shoppers and college students. It moved famous personalities like World War I General John "Black Jack" Pershing, politicians, etc.

In 1930, with the advent of the automobile, the traction line was abandoned. The new station now houses hair and nail salons. The main power station was converted into the village maintenance barn, then converted to the Power Company Restaurant; and later Kingy's Restaurant. The village enjoyed bus service in the 1940's and early 50's.

The bus station was at Clyde Brinker's store. Today, Ashville has no public transit.

Utilities

Utilities are provided by American Electric Power, South Central Power and Columbia Gas of Ohio. Ashville and South Bloomfield each has its own water and waste water facilities.

Former Crites Canning Factory – Later, Ashville Antiques Mall – W. Main Street, Ashville, OH

Communication

About 1930 switchboard operators for the Citizens Telephone Company included Clara Creager, Fronie Newton, Anna Bell Hines, Irene Smith, Easter Wallen, Ethel Lemaster, Geraldine Cline, and Frances Grant. Today, cell phones and the internet are commonly used.

In the earliest part of the century, The Pickaway County News served Ashville and the rest of Harrison Township until it was closed in the early 1970's. Early publishers were Emmet Fraunfelter, Will Shuemacher (Ashville Enterprise), Edward Beaver and Steve Fridley. The last publishers of the Pickaway County News: F.S. Hinkle and son, William Hinkle. Clyde Michael wrote a weekly column, "Meandering with Michael". Later news correspondents include Celesta L. Hoy, Famah Gloyd and Mae Ross. Carriers were Guy Cline, Emerson Cline and Doris Cline. In 2001, Rose Jamison became the Ashville News reporter for the Circleville Herald following the death of long time correspondent, Dorothy Cook. Some local authors are: Florence Brobeck, Gale Warner, Dr. Walter Gregg, Martin Smith, Samuel Smith, Rev. Grover "Jack" Elmer Swoyer, Harry Sark, Samuel F. Hinkle, Emmit Fraunfelter, Will Shuemaker, Guy Leatherwood, Vergie Leatherwood Wean, Mae M. Alexander, William Ashbrook Kellerman, Kathy Tussing Leatherwood, Wes Henson and David L. Dozer.

Due to the organizational and fundraising efforts of Bob Mabe, Dave Rainey and the generosity of the Floyd E. Younkin family, the Younkin Branch of the Pickaway County Library opened in 2000.

Mail delivery to homes in Ashville, South Bloomfield and Millport began August 22, 1959. Barbara Nelson is the current postmaster. Robert E. Glick was the postmaster in 1962 when the current building at 3 East Main Street, Ashville, was dedicated.

Postmasters from 1909 were: 14th, James H. Long, 2-9-1909; 15th, Solomon C. Allison, 7-29-1913; 16th, Cleona M. Dunnick, 6-3-1922; 17th, Henry J. Snyder, 9-1-1930; 18th, Stanley L. Smith, 6-1-1936; 19th, Orlan Hines, 1-3-1959; 20th, Gordon Perrill, 4-14-1961; 21st, Robert E. Glick, 8-3-1962; 22nd, Lawrence Pritchard, 7-16-1988; 23rd, Marilyn Partee, 12-26-1992; 24th, Richard Sims, 12-5-1998; 25th, Barbara Nelson, 10-5-2002. A complete listing can be found at the Ashville Post Office. Delivery of mail to homes in Ashville, South Bloomfield, and Millport began August 22, 1959.

Lawyers

G. William Morrison, Harry Margulus, Leo Hall, Steve Gussler, John Hosterman, Alan Sedlak, Charles Brown, Brent and Kendra Studebaker Sherman were Ashville area lawyers.

Financial

Everett W. Seeds was CEO of The Citizens Bank at 26 E. Main Street for over 50 years, followed by Eugene Wilson and Calvin Gebhart (1987-). Bank Directors are: Calvin Gebhart, Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Robert O. Black, Robert Holycross, Jeff Harr, Larry S. Schieber, Shane Roese, Danny Fouts, and Barbara Lucks.

The Savings Bank has two branches in Ashville, 18 and 501 Long Street.

Others are Cash Connections, Edward Jones, and Raymond James.

Ashville Grain Company (South elevator) – W. Main Street, Ashville, OH

Ashville

Ashville is a quiet bedroom community, between Columbus and Circleville. Village officials are: Chuck Wise, Mayor; Franklin Christman, Village Administrator; and Jerry Pennington, Chief of Police.

Theodore Boor developed what must be considered the most novel and durable traffic light in existence. Shaped like an inverted teardrop the light has a rotating hand telling pedestrians and drivers alike how long it would be until the color changed from red to green. The light hung at Long and Main Streets for 50 years, not witnessing a single accident. The light is in operation at Ohio's Small Town Museum.

In 1962, after an unsuccessful attempt by locals to save it, the covered bridge on Circleville Avenue was demolished by the county and replaced with a modern structure. A painting of the bridge, by Evelyn Bastian, is displayed at the Bus Stop Café.

Louise Terrace, named for Louise Leatherwood, is a senior housing complex with about 120 units usually filled to capacity, was constructed in 1995. The Leatherwood family constructed the Ashville Swimming Pool in 1954-1955.

2004 was the 75th anniversary of the 4th of July Celebration held in Miller Park. In early years, an Ashville Band, directed by Hoadley Brintlinger, rode around the county on wagons, 'ballyhooing' the event. In 1950 the first Miss Ashville Fourth of July contest was held. Other contests, community worship services, parades, rides and concessions, square dancing, Bingo, and a fish fry are all components of this annual celebration. In 1982, 1025 pounds of fish were fried, and in 1985, 4500 pounds.

Currently, Miller Park is the setting for the Gazebo Gatherings, founded by Dave Rainey and Kathy Leatherwood, the Lost Viking Hoard Festival by Ed and Nancy Vallette, and Fun-in-the-Sun, by Barbara Gilbert. During school, the kids use the park for recreation.

Teays Valley Youth Baseball, an all-volunteer group, established Viking Fields, 13695 Lockbourne Eastern Road. Teays Valley Soccer Field is on Rt. 752 west of Ashville.

Ashville Area Heritage Society
Ohio Small Town Museum

Oprah Winfrey describes Ohio's Small Town Museum as the 'museum of museums'. The Ashville Area Heritage Society was formed in 1975. Its vision is to recapture and honor past achievements of a rural community and education. Efforts to create the museum were spearheaded by Charlie Morrison, Jack Lemon, Bronson Kitchen, Herman Petty, Charles Cordle, Marguerite Brokaw, Rodger Southward, Georgia Dore, Iona Hines, Bob Knode, Emerson and Katie Dum, Ethel Siegle, Mary Reed, Rolland "Rollie" Featheringham, Jim Moody, Bob Hines, Ada Lou Deal and many others. The museum is housed in the village-owned former Dreamland Theatre at 34 Long Street, Ashville.

Among thousand of artifacts is Teddy Boor's original working traffic light, N&S railroad crossing signals, school bell from the original 7-room Ashville School on the corner of Madison and Long Strets; USA Transitional Flag, found in the attic of the McDowell home; Mrs. John Spindler's wedding dress; "Chic-Chic" and Ashville High School class pictures.

Ashville's small town museum.

Commercial Interests

Funeral homes were operated by Ed Schlegel, Warren Bastian, Chuck Wellman and Sons, Boyd Oliver and Spencer Cheek. A few of the hundreds of businesses throughout the century are Hott's Bakery, Hook's Ice House, Crites Canning Factory, Harry Black's Blacksmith Shop, Kaiserman's Grocery, Billy Bowers' Red and White Store, Coon's Market, Morrison's Market, Clyde Brinker's Restaurant, Power Company Restaurant, Lou Deal's Flower Shop, Rose Trellis, Annie and Friends Flowers, Ashville IGA, Cloud's Market, Andy's Market, D.H. Squires, Renick's Farm Market, Engel's Nurseries, W.H. Plum & Son Livestock, Brown's John Deere, Ashville Realty, Ashville Lumber, Fortner's Auto, Fischer's, Leatherwood & Associates, Little Donnie's Pizza, Personalized Imprints, Ashville Grain, LLC, Viking Dairy Bar, Baseball's Dairy Diamond, Square "D" Saddle Shop, Stacy's Bar & Grill, Bob's Bar, The Corner Grind, Bus Stop Café, Reynolds Aluminum, Columbus Industries, Owens Corning Metals, Pure Oil, Toole's Electric, Barbers: Mike Cupp, "Red" Speakman, Larry Toole, and Tom Acord.

Railroad

From 1874 continuing into 2005, trains servicing Harrison Township were the Scioto Valley, N&W, N&S and CSX railroads. Bill Cupp and Joe Pobst operated the N&W crossing gates by hand until A.W. Graham invented the automatic wig-wag signals. Joe lost both legs when run over by a train. The Station Street depot in Ashville is designed a National Register of Historic Places as the last remaining Scioto Valley Railway Station. In 1973 it was relocated to Madison Street on land owned by the Ashville Grain Company.

Left: Former Interurban traction station (now houses beauty salons) – Ashville, OH.

Below: Former Interurban power station (now Kingy's Restaurant) – W. Main Street, Ashville, OH.

Decorative Brick wall – Bricks made by Teegardin Brick Company, Duvall, Ohio.

Trackside Bar – W. Main Street, Ashville, OH

Village Curiosity Shoppe and Village Hair Station and residence of Larry and Sue Toole, W. Main Street, Ashville, OH

Churches

Village Chapel UMC, Zion UMC, First English Lutheran, Ashville Church of Christ in Christian Union, Pickaway Church of Christ, First Baptist, Millport Chapel, and South Bloomfield United Methodist.

Societies and Organizations

Pythian Sisters, Ashville Temple #366
Knights of Pythias, Palmetto Lodge No. 513
American Legion, Ashville Post #730
VFW Rick Brown Post #7941
Ashville Business Association
Ashville Area Heritage Society
Scioto Grange
Ashville Women's Civic Club
Ashville Community Men's Club
Kiwanis
4-H
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
Ashville Protective Association
Modern Woodmen of America

Duvall, Ohio History
1906-2005

Duvall's boundaries are considered by locals to be the Ashville Pike on the east and Bulen-Pierce Road on the west. The first log cabin was built by Benjamin Duvall in 1860 and remained in use until 1954. Of the 35 households in Duvall today, only those of the Carl McClurg, Madge (Rohr) Baum, Bob and Dorothy (Cade) Baum, John and Madge (Hines) Triance and McKinley and Mae (Wolfe) Ross families are long-time residents. Madge Baum, age 93, lives in the house which was built by her husband's father, Frank S. Baum, circa 1884.

In 1903, the Scioto Valley interurban traction line laid tracks through Duvall. It made its last run October 1, 1930. The tracks were ripped up. In 1920 the Chesapeake and Ohio RR laid two sets of tracks through Duvall on land donated by Frank Baum. They are currently used by the N&S and CSXT rail systems.

In 1910, Thad Baum sold his grain elevator to Edwin Teegardin and Tom Garner. The elevator burned in 1933. It was rebuilt and operated by Boyd Teegardin. Today Steve and Ken Gregory operate Lockbourne Agriculture.

In 1922, the J.W. Teegardin and Co. switched from making tile and ornamental bricks to making cement products. A wall across from the elevator is the only evidence of the existence of the tile factory.

Owners of the two blacksmith shops were Lafayette Dolby and Saul Grummerly. Grummerly built a heart shaped house to please his wife.

The Eaussbaugh Brothers Garage was in business from about 1909 to 1921.

Partners, John Reid and Bill Koch, purchased the 1881 Edison Oman general merchandise store which burned in 1920 and was never replaced. Reid then built a general merchandise store on the side of his house.

The Duvall post office was established in 1881 by Edison Oman. It was housed in Frank S. Baum's Hardware and Implement store from 1920 to 1926 and then moved to John Reid's store, (later Leo Zwayer's store) until it was discontinued in 1955.

Schools

When the first two-room school built in 1897 for grades 1-8 was replaced with a larger two-room school in 1915, high school students went to Ashville. In 1962, when Teays Valley School District was formed, the school was purchased by Paul Wipple and used for a nursery school. Horse-drawn wagons driven by Charley Rader, Jess Sands and Walt Hoover carried students until 1921 when motorized buses were used.

Madge Rohr Baum, age 93, still lives in the house built by her husband's father, Frank S. Baum, circa 1884.

About 1955, the Duvall Do-All Homemakers began meeting in members' homes.

Madge Baum and Jane Kuhlwein were 4-H leaders.

Dorothy Green is the Harrison Township Clerk-Treasurer in 2005.

Today, David Whipple operates a motor cycle shop.

Duvall hasn't changed much in the past 50 years, except for more traffic and most of the old families have moved away. With the coming of the inter-modal in the near future, things will change dramatically and forever.

Millport History
1905-2005

Millport is a quiet little community on Ashville Road halfway between Ashville and South Bloomfield. Remnants of locks on the Terry Reed and Curtis Cromley farms are reminders of the Ohio Canal.

Millport Chapel Community Church is owned by the church trustees. The building sat empty for a number of years prior to the first service which is believed to have been held in the early 1920's, probably at which time the building was purchased from the Church of Christ in Christian Union. Rev. Ervin N. Kirk has been the pastor for many years and is now assisted by Rev. Orville Berry.

Generations of the McNeal, Cramblitt, Pettibone, Gregg and Maupin families lived in Millport and some reside there today. Herbert L. "Jay" and Donna Jean (Smith) Gregg, Jr. reared a family of nine children. Jay's parents, Herbert and Lulu (Pettibone) Gregg, Sr. reared three sons. The Pettibones were cement workers. Harold trapped near the Route 762 bridge and sold the animal skins.

In the 1930's Charles Cramblitt carved violins, banjos and dulcimers. He walked to Ashville to purchase string for the instruments. His granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Cramblitt Pettibone, born October 26, 1930, has lived in Millport her entire life. She remembers, as a little girl lying in bed on warm summer evenings, listening to her grandfather's violin music coming through her open window. His favorite hymn was "What Can Wash Away My Sins – Nothing But the Blood of Jesus".

Charles ran a grocery store which was attached to his home. His son and daughter-in-law, Isaac and Mary (Lozier) Cramblitt took over the store after his death.

Paul Toole ran a general merchandise store in a small, one-room building.

Teddy Borror filling station, Ashville, OH.

South Bloomfield History 1906-2005

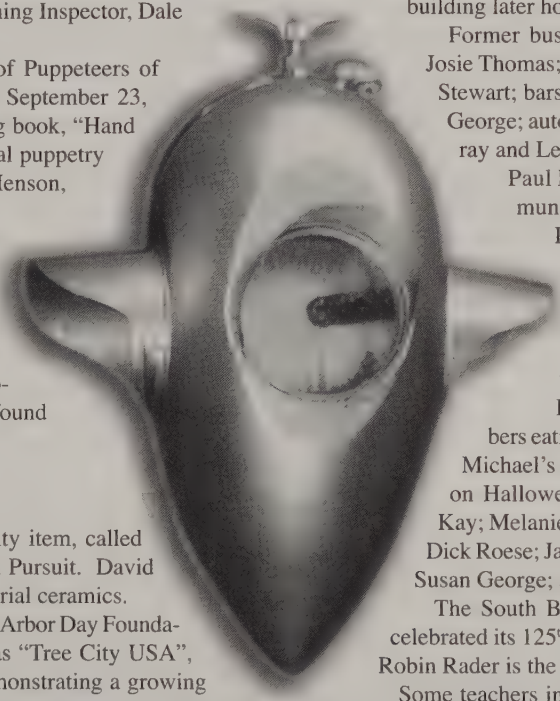
In 2004, South Bloomfield celebrated its 200th birthday. Population increased from 900 in 1990 to 1200 in 2005, with the addition of Bloomfield Hills, River Bend, Canal View Estates and Scioto Estates, Inc. Heavy traffic on U.S. Route 23 is slowed down only a little by the installation of two traffic lights.

Albert "Junior" Roese, has served as mayor since about 1970. Former mayors include William Murray, Gardner Welsh, Willard Cook, Les George, Karl Graham, Art Deal, Harold Tosca, Dave Dresbach, and Chuck McNeal.

Council members are: Sandi Cline, President; Richard Wilson, Majoria "Dolly" Flebbe, Joseph D. "J.D." Smith, Jeffrey Fairbanks and Robert Schroeder; Clerk-Treasurer, Fern Bozman; Chief of Police, Kendall G. McCoy; and police officers, David Partlow and Johnny Wells; Building and Zoning Inspector, Dale Hoover.

Vivian Michael was secretary of Puppeteers of America when it was incorporated September 23, 1961. Vivian co-wrote a pioneering book, "Hand and Rod Puppets", and wrote several puppetry plays, as well as mentoring Jim Henson, famous for the Muppets.

Clyde Michael wrote "Meanderings with Michael", folksy news column appearing weekly in the Pickaway County News. Today, Jackie Carl and Janice Wilson co-write the South Bloomfield News which is published in the Circleville Herald and found on the South Bloomfield website.



Inventors

Don Hatfield developed a novelty item, called "Eye-Cue", an early form of Trivial Pursuit. David Hatfield obtained a patent for industrial ceramics.

For the twelfth year, The National Arbor Day Foundation recognized South Bloomfield as "Tree City USA", an award given to communities demonstrating a growing level of dedication and care for our urban forests.

Mayor Roese's dream was realized on July 24, 1989 when the South Bloomfield Village Library's doors were opened for the first time under the direction of his wife, Jewell Roese. The library is housed in the Village Municipal Building. It is staffed entirely by volunteers and operates solely on donations of materials and funds.

Trustees are Jewel Roese, Phyllis Lee, Dejon Mobley and Alisha Burke. Johnda Pettibone was one of the first trustees.

Citizens

Martha and Pauline were little girls and Georgia was a little older, in 1919, when Edward Roese, Sr. moved his family to South Bloomfield from Scioto Township. Edward Jr. (Barney) and Rebecca Ann were born in the Roese home at 5012 S. Walnut Street. Pauline lives in the house which has been in the family for 100 years and which continues to be the gathering place for family activities. Pauline is South Bloomfield's eldest resident.

At the beginning of the century, South Bloomfield was on the regular line of stagecoaches running between Columbus and Chillicothe (now U.S. Route 23). In 1904, carpenters Elmer Hoffman, Albert Roof, and Sherm Rasor constructed a building for Gus Runkle. The building became known as P.E. Bezold's general merchandise store. The 2nd floor was used for dances and talent shows. The building later housed the Bloomfield Inn.

Former businesses were: groceries – Jim and Josie Thomas; Iva Martin; Len Hochmuth and Rose Stewart; bars – Sam Scott's Tavern; barber – Tom George; auto repair/gas pumps – William D. Murray and Les George.

Paul Murray installed the first radio communication system in military vehicles at Lockbourne Army Air Base.

In the 40's dances were held in Dauber Hook's building behind Sam Scott's tavern. Rolland "Rollie" Featheringham held auctions in the same building.

Kay Murray (Jimmy) McNeal remembers eating donuts and cider at Clyde & Vivian Michael's kitchen table after "trick or treating" on Halloween. Vivian gave puppet shows for Kay; Melanie, Jack and Nellie Cook; Jim, Bob and Dick Roese; Jackie Brannon; Kenny and Jean Welch; Susan George; and other neighborhood kids.

The South Bloomfield United Methodist Church celebrated its 125th year anniversary (1877-2002). Rev. Robin Rader is the current pastor.

Some teachers in the South Bloomfield School: Karl Drum, Margaret Dunlap, Miss Karshner, Mary Parks, Jessie Fern Gloyd, and George Dore.

The South Bloomfield Community Club annually holds an annual Old Village Days Festival in the Village Park. Officers are Kenny Costlow, President; Beverly Stonerock, Vice President; Bill Carl, Treasurer; and Gina Carl, Secretary.

-Submitted by Rose Jamison

Center photo: Traffic Light invented by T.A. Boor, Ashville, OH 1930

Jackson Township History

Jackson Township, the geographic center of Pickaway County is bisected by the lower nine miles of Big Darby Creek. A five thousand acre tract in its center was the site of the Jonathan Jolliff Survey of 1774 made for Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia, during his expedition and war against the Shawnee of Ohio. The first English survey north of the Ohio River became the basis for the bounty land claims of Revolutionary War Soldiers.

The frontier surveyors Nathaniel Massie and Lucas Sullivant named the crossing at Big Darby after Arthur Fox, surveyor-general of the Virginia Military District. Fox was the exchange point for riders carrying the mail through the wilderness of the Scioto Valley along the original State Road north out of Chillicothe after 1805. The first school with Peter Mickel as the teacher, was built on the Strawberry Prairie north of Fox in 1807. Eventually the township supported eleven schools. Other early school sites were: 1827 Caldwell School (north); 1829 Hulse School, the London Northern Turnpike; 1831 Lick Run (SR 56, south); and 1849 Keyes School on Yankeetown Pike in the southwest.

Two churches, the Florence Presbytrian Chapel, in the northwestern part of the township and Lick Run Church (originally Methodist, then Lutheran) in the south were centers of the community for over 100 years.

At the opening of the 20th century, Fox had a population of 25 and a General Store and Post Office operated by the Trimble Brothers. The sprawling farmlands once mapped as "the oak barrens & prairies" which supported extensive livestock herds for two hundred years, are now devoted chiefly to corn and soybeans, dotted with homes. The population has remained just under 1000, steady through the centuries, and the graves of settlers and Indians alike are now hidden beneath the sod.

-Submitted by Steve Seaburn

The "new" Jackson Township High School built in 1931.

Jackson Township Centralized School, 1912

In the beginning of the 20th century the day of the one room country school was coming to a close as some townships directed their children into nearby village districts. Jackson took another course, and is considered to have constructed the first centralized all-rural school in the southern half of the state, closing its eleven country schools at a stroke. In 1910 the Board of Education authorized at $25,000 bond issue. After approval by the voters in November, the concept was expanded by $5,000 to include a high school, including $200 for laboratories and $300 for 250 library books. The Board was: I.A. Jones, J.C. Stevenson, Benjamin Metzger, Albert Davison, Albert Bowers, Clerk and A.F. Krimmel, Treasurer. The obvious site of six acres was chosen, being the southeast quadrant of hamlet of Fox and was purchased for $1200.

The eight classroom brick two-story building with a finished basement was opened September, 1912 with 215 pupils. The original six teachers were: J.H. Cook, Superintendent; Miss Ava Sweitzer, Principal; W.M. Reid, grammar; Miss Ethel Stein, intermediate; Miss Bessie McMahon, second primary; Miss Mae Wesley, first primary. The Circleville Union-Herald acclaimed the dedication, "The first of its kind in the County." Soon centralization would be keenly tested by the 1913 flood which took out bridges, requiring children to cross Big Darby Creek on a rope bridge. A diptheria epidemic followed the flood.

Below are excerpts from the Union-Herald Article of October 10, 1912: "The new and commodious centralized school building at Fox, in which residents of Jackson Township take so much pride, was dedicated Friday afternoon and was the most notable event of its kind in the County. It was in the nature of a homecoming for pupils, former pupils and teachers and visitors from every part of the county swelled the crowds into the hundreds. Nature lent its charm to an ideal day and a basket dinner in the school yard was a feature. With signs of plenty all around, with music by Ted Friedman's orchestra and the splendid varied program including a fire drill by the children . . ."

The principal speaker was Professor A.B. Graham of Ohio State University who addressed "the question that confronts the introduction of the centralized school . . ." that being transportation – the lengthy wagon routes. The advantages of the centralized school, according to Graham, included increased socialization, opportunity for games which would do away with the "bully", the use of the telephone and other modern equipment and the development of the school as the social center. The second speaker, Frank Miller, the State Commissioner of Schools, stated, "What does this building mean to the people of this township? It increases the value of your real estate holdings". Commissioner Miller lamented the lack of attempts at education of "the savages" in the days of Chief Logan, noting the recent dedication of his namesake elm tree and concluded: "Further, if it saves one boy it is money well spent." The Union-Herald report concluded, "The pupils were then marched to their wagons illustrating how systematically every part of the work was done." This school was in use for 90 years.

In 1913, Superintendent J.H. Cook circulated a Christmas card celebrating the achievement of the community for the year 1913 as follows:

1. A first grade High School Charter
2. Recognition by the Ohio State University
3. A lower school tax
4. $169 for the Piano Fund
5. The lowest cost per pupil for tuition with the highest paid teachers
6. A High School Baseball team
7. An increased school library
8. An increased daily attendance
9. First Pickaway County Spelling Bee
10. A lecture course
11. A Farmers' Institute
12. A deportment system for grades
13. The Circleville Pumpkin Show's First Prize for schools

The new Jackson Township High School was built in 1931. The Board of Education purchased three acres from F.M. Hoover adjacent to the 1912 building which became the Elementary School. The basement auditorium in the older building then became a cafeteria. The cost of the 1931 building was $90,000. The Superintendent, W.A. Downing, received a salary of $160 per month and the Principal, G.J. Lamp - $114 per month. Teachers salaries ranged from $68.76 to $91.73 per month.

Jackson Township Centralized School. Built and Dedicated 1912.

Trautman's Riffle at Fox, and the Big Darby Watershed

The first settlers in the Darby watershed were greeted by an inhospitable environment. Wet prairies with dense vegetation 8 to 10 feet tall and teeming with biting insects were intermixed with oak savannahs and elm-ash swamp forests in the creek bottoms. The prairies soils, wet and squishy in the spring and early summer, would be baked dry by the sun, cracked and hard as concrete later in the season. This soil, however, was very fertile, rich in organic nutrients, having thousands of years worth of dense decaying vegetation incorporated into it. It was this rich soil which proved to be very inviting to the early settlers who immediately set to the task of clearing the dense prairie vegetation. Initially this was a very difficult task. Later with the invention of the steel plow in the 1830's, and the incorporation of German ditch technology, the prairies could be effectively transformed into extremely productive land.

It was this expansive flat prairie landscape, however, that would inevitably benefit the Darby Watershed's aquatic life. With so much tillable acreage available there was less interest in tilling the flood plain closer to the streams. This meant that much of the Darby (and tributaries) would retain intact riparian forest buffers along the majority of their lengths. These intact riparian forest buffers would provide shade, keeping the waters in the streams cool and well oxygenated, filter pollutants in the surface runoff, stabilize the stream banks by reducing erosion and provide leaf litter, the elemental source vital to the stream ecosystem. Coupled with the high rate of ground water influx, the Darby's riparian buffers would protect the rich assemblage of aquatic fauna that would be lost in most of Ohio's other stream systems in years to come.

Throughout the 1900's many biologists were kept busy sampling the fish species in Ohio's rivers. Most notable among them was Milton B. Trautman. During his life, Trautman probably sampled most of Ohio's major rivers and streams. It most cases he would note declines in fish species diversity with rare and sensitive species such as darters, redhorse suckers and madtoms disappearing from their former haunts. The Big Darby, however, proved to be different, especially the lower reaches in Pickaway County. It is here that Trautman and others would continue to find rare and endangered species such as the Dusky Darter *Percina sciera*, Tippecanoe Darter *Etheostoma Tippecanoe* (state threatened), Bluebreast Darter *Etheostoma camurum* (state threatened), and Spotted Darter *Etheostoma maculatum* (state endangered). While small local populations of these species existed in other rivers and streams, the lower reaches of Big Darby Creek in Pickaway County was the only stream section from which all of the species could be taken.

One particular diverse section of the Big Darby Creek was a series of four riffles located directly upstream of the State Route 104 bridge in Jackson Township. Eventually, this series of riffles would come to be known as Trautman's Riffles due to the extensive fish surveys that Milton Trautman would conduct there throughout the early-mid 1900's. This riffle system is probably most well-known for being the only location in the world from which the Scioto Madtom *Noturus trautmani* has ever been taken. The Scioto Madtom is a small catfish species attaining a maximum length of about 2.5 inches. Trautman first discovered the little catfish in the riffles above the State Route 104 bridge in November of 1943 and managed to collect a total of four individuals between 1943 and 1945. Despite rather intensive sampling efforts, no other Scioto Madtoms were taken from the riffles until 1957 when 14 were collected. The fish has never been collected since, and to date, is listed as a federally endangered species.

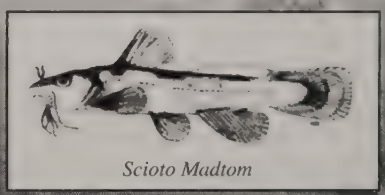
Today, Trautman's Riffles continue to harbor a high diversity of fish species including the rare and endangered darters. In recent years several species such as the Tippecanoe and Bluebreast Darters have expanded their range well upstream into Franklin County.

Darby Creek is now more threatened than ever before. With increasing urbanization, the fate of the river system and the rare and endangered species may be determined in the next twenty years. To prevent this loss of such valuable natural resources, future development must be based on good land use planning that includes stormwater management, protection of the flood plain, and riparian forests and other sensitive areas.

(From Ohio Conservation Bulletin, May 1963, by Merrill Gilfillan) *During the 57 years of Trautmans study of Darby Creek at Fox, the stream changed course three times, yet the position of the four riffles changed very little. A likely reason for this is that the gradient and nature of the earth material is essentially the same so, with a slight change in course, the stream still encounters the same basic condition which results in riffles. The riffles are dangerous during flood periods. A total of 84 species of fish have been taken from this area, only 1000 feet in length, and about 50 species can be taken annually.*

-Submitted by Bob Gable, ODNR Scenic Rivers

Tautman's Riffles, one mile downstream of Fox, looking upstream above the S.R. 104 bridge, most diverse fish freshwater habitat in Ohio.



Scioto Madtom

Madison Township

Madison Township is located in the northeastern part of Pickaway County and was established June 5, 1810 by the County Commissioners. Madison Township was the smallest in Pickaway County in size and also next to the smallest in population, having 794 people according to the 1900 census.

Agriculture was the main occupation of the area with good resources for growing crops. The average size of a farm was around 100 acres. A farm of 200 acres was considered to be large. All the tilling and harvesting was done by horses and back breaking labor.

Many of the settlers were of the Lutheran denomination and had to go to Fairfield County to attend church. St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized June 29, 1834 and the first minister was Rev. Joseph A. Roof. On December 3, 1834, it was decided to purchase land for a church building and a building was erected the following year. That building is still in use and a large Fellowship Center was added in 1997. The church is presently served by Rev. Martin Francis.

Trinity Lutheran Church was organized in 1856 at Marcy on land donated by Jacob Brobst. The first minister was Rev. Peter Eirich. There is no pastor at the present time and is being served by supply pastors.

A Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1844 and the minister was Rev. Isaac Hunter. Services were held in a building erected in 1850 and used until 1869 or 1870 when it was sold to the Township Trustees for use as a school.

Madison Presbyterian Church was established on land donated by G. P. Alspaugh and the church was completed December 1896. The church is no longer in existence and the building is now a private home.

The only settlement in the township was St. Paul. There was a store which was also a Post Office and community gathering place where you could buy all your needs from cloth for clothes, hardware or dynamite. All the neighborhood news could be passed from person to person. The community of about 70 people was also served by a shoe repair shop and a blacksmith shop.

In the early 1930's the store building which was owned by Thelma Teegardin was razed by Clarence Logsdon in lieu of rent. Mr. Logsdon made a cellar from the basement of the building which is in existence today.

School children were served by one-room schools until it was necessary to build a two-room High School on Walnut Creek Pike, just north of St. Paul Road. With the advent of tractors and other tilling implements, boys were able to go to school beyond eighth grade as they were no longer made to drop out of school to work on the farm. In 1928 a new large school was built in Walnut Township and the students in the higher grades were bussed to Walnut. A two-room school which had been built at the corner of Duvall and Goodman Roads had been used as a high school before the move to Walnut, after which it was used as a elementary school. In the early 1960's the schools were consolidated into the Teays Valley School District with the high school students from Madison Township, Harrison Township and Scioto Township attending the new building in Ashville. A new Middle School was built in Ashville to accommodate the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. New grade school buildings were erected at Walnut, Ashville and Commercial Point and were in use for the school year of 2004.

In the early 1940's a large portion of the northeastern part of the township was taken by the government to form Lockbourne Army Airbase. The airport now belongs to Columbus and a golf course now occupies that area. The airport is now called Rickenbacker Airport.

In the late 1960's the Slate Run Metro Park was established in Madison Township, located in an area bordered by Winchester Pike on the west, Duvall Road on the north, State Route 674 on the east and Marcy Road on the south. The park's main attraction is a working farm which operates as it would in the late 1880's. There is also a Wetland Area where visitors can enjoy the birds and water fowl.

With the growth in population of the township, many farmers have sold frontage along the road for people to build homes. Being able to drive to work on good roads quickly in their automobiles has made country living very attractive to city folk.

Agriculture is still the main industry in the township, however there are some businesses, mostly family owned and operated. There is Cline Building Supply; Brookdale Enterprise; and Bob's Hauling and Excavating. Mann's Trailer Park is on the site of the Mary Logsdon farm on Duvall Road. Marathon Oil Company has put in an oil line that runs from northern Kentucky to Columbus.

When people on the upper ridge of Madison Township were trying to drill water wells they discovered that they might get oil and natural gas instead of water, so a few have working oil wells on their farms. The lack of water finally led to the need for water which has been piped through the area by the Earnhart-Hill Water Company.

A new Township House has been built in 1998 and the township has been divided into the East Precinct and the West Precinct to better serve the increased population.

The settlers of the township would be awestruck by the changes in the way things are done now. With the coming of electricity to the rural area in the 1900s and the machinery to do much of the farm work, one man can do the work of ten without getting out of his air conditioned tractor cab, or his air conditioned combine. No longer is it necessary to freeze their hands husking corn in the field in winter or haul water to the cattle.

Many of the ancestors of the early families are still in the township, farming and living at their old home sites.

-Submitted by Dale and Martha Logsdon

No. 13 Madison Township High School. Madison Township – Located on Circleville-Groveport Pike, Northwest of St. Paul. Madison Township High School was organized in 1883. It is reputed to be the first rural high school established in Ohio. The first Board of Education was George A. Knopper, Monroe Borbst, W.T. Conklin, N.Z. Moore and E.W. Decker. The first superintendent was E.E. Rayman. The first graduating class of four members graduated in 1877. The building was used as a high school from 1883-1900 and as an elementary school from 1900-1922.

Monroe Township

Monroe Township was named for President James Monroe, U.S. Secretary of State 1811-1817, and later President of the United States, 1817-1825. Early maps show that the area was part of Ross County before it was made a part of Pickaway County.

Monroe Township is bound by the townships of Darby, Deer Creek, Perry, Muhlenberg and Jackson. Madison County forms the border on the western side.

The township was settled in 1799. Clark's Run, (Van) Buskirk and Dry Run, identified on some maps as Mud Run, drain the area into Deer Creek. The surface is basically level except along the streams. The soil for the most part is clay, which is suitable for wheat, corn and soybeans.

The present trustees of the township are: Gary Moore, Richard Phillips and Ted Rogers. Victoria Sheets performs the duties of Clerk Treasurer. Ronnie Darst does the maintenance duties arising in the township.

Monroe Township is a part of the Tri-County Fire Department and the Sterling Joint Ambulance District, which are stationed in Mount Sterling. These services are financed through levies in the township. Trustees serve as representatives on each governing board.

It has been said that the news of today becomes the history of tomorrow, so history is just the news of other days. I have tried to make the history of Monroe Township interesting and enjoyable.

Prehistoric Indians/First Inhabitants

Who were the Mound Builders? This question has mystified scientists for years. Ohio has more of the famous mounds than any other state. Some believe that they were a race, which came from Asia by way of Alaska. Others think that these people came from Mexico. In any event, there is no one we can ask, but we see the remnants that they were here. We can find evidence that they erected their heaps of earth in Monroe Township. Time and seasons, plantings and harvests have destroyed many of these tombs of the unknown. Some seem to have been used for forts as well as for burial. There is one such edifice known to the writer. I am sure there are others hidden away in the hills and valleys and even covered with water in Monroe Township.

Many relics of these early inhabitants have been found in our township. Believe me, when I say there are those who can find these valuable pieces yet today. One such person is Mike Moore, who still has the eye for discovering these clues of our early inhabitants.

As we travel the history trail of Monroe Township, little is known of our Mound Builders. We still have a wide knowledge of the Indians who followed them and the tribes that greeted the white man. They played an important part in our early history. Each claimed to be the most savage, fiercest and warlike of all. The Shawnee occupied the Scioto Valley and the country westward to the Miami. They were known as the wandering tribe or the spartans of the red race. No tribe was more savage or relentless in warfare.

Virginia Military Lands

The original intent of the Virginia Military District was to use this land to satisfy Virginia State Military bounty warrants issued as compensation for her veterans of the American Revolution.

All of the land in Pickaway County east of the Scioto River was within the congress lands. The lands west of the river were a part of the Virginia Military District. There were approximately 4 million acres between the Scioto River and the Little Miami River to the west.

Beginning in October of 1783, the Virginia General Assembly passed an act to authorize its delegates in congress to convey to the United States all the rights of that commonwealth to the territory northwest of the Ohio River so it could be formed into states. This legislation included the Virginia Military District. This legislation was done by Thomas Jefferson, Arthur Lee, James Monroe and Samuel Hardy, the Virginia delegates. The land in Monroe Township was part of the Virginia Military District.

Early Settlers

History records that the first permanent settlers were from Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and even those who relocated from within the state, namely the area to the south which was known as Ross County.

Peter Van Buskirk came here about 1800 from Maryland by way of Ross County. He erected a gristmill and distillery on the banks of Deer Creek. Charles Longberry came from Pennsylvania. Christopher Cardiff came from Maryland in 1806. Mt. Sterling history relates that there was a Cardiff Drug Store which leads you to believe that many of the early settlers continued to migrate. Other names recorded are: Samuel Dawson; Jeremiah, Josiah and John Thomas; George Rowe; John Porter; George Richey; John Foster; John Hadfield; John Grindle; William Riggin; Wilson Murphy and William Williams.

The Hayes family, Benjamin Norris family, Milburn Smith and James Marshall families were also settlers. Many of these names can still be found on the burial stones in the three major existing cemeteries.

Ancestors of these early settlers still reside in Monroe Township. This revelation warrants mentioning as there is still a large repertoire of information still available which has not been reduced to written form.

The history of Franklin and Pickaway County, 1880, has a picture of the Samuel W. Dunlap Residence. This residence is still in existence and is the home of John (Susan) Dunlap, III. The residence is located on Yankeetown Pike .

Churches

The West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church boasts of being a part of the original conference in the Northwest Territory. Our present conference reflects the unions of many church conferences in the state of Ohio. On June 10, 1970 the West Ohio Conference was formed. Over 208 years of Methodism has been organized in Ohio.

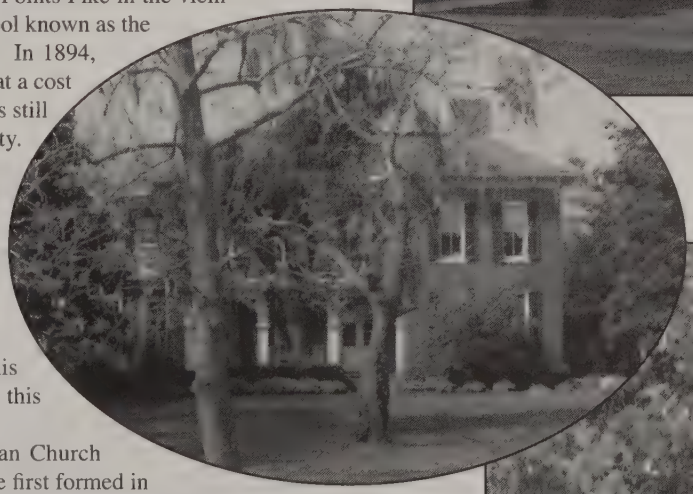
The pioneers came to Ohio with their families, their Bibles and the love of God. With the circuit preachers, Methodism survived in Monroe Township. Names have been changed, buildings have been razed, yet Methodism is still present in the area.

Hebron M.E. Church was formed very early in the history of Monroe Township. Revs. Joseph Hays and William Morrow were among the first circuit riders. They also had the added responsibility of ministering in Williamsport, Darbyville, New Holland and other points as the call was given. The Hebron congregation continued until the mid 1990's.

The Greenland M.E. Church, also known as the Timmons Church, was located about four miles from Five Points. It dates back to 1834. In 1853, a frame church was built and the Greenland name was substituted. Rev. William Morrow was a very important figure also in the history of the church. The circuit was divided and Greenland became a part of the Mount Sterling Charge. There is no evidence of the church today. The Greenland Cemetery still exists and one could assume that the burial ground was very near the church. One of the ministers at the Greenland Church was A.S. Maddux. A Samual Maddux served in the Civil War. One would like to think that these two men were one and the same.

Pleasant Grove M.E. Church was formerly attached to the London Circuit. Later it also became a part of the Mount Sterling Circuit. Meetings were begun by Rev. James Marshall in 1849. In 1852, a meeting house was built at a cost of $800. This building was moved to Five Points in 1871. It is speculated that this church was on the Five Points Pike in the vicinity of the one room school known as the Pleasant Grove School. In 1894, a new church was built at a cost of $2500. This church is still active in the community. It is a two point charge with the Derby United Methodist Church.

Pleasant Grove M.E. Church



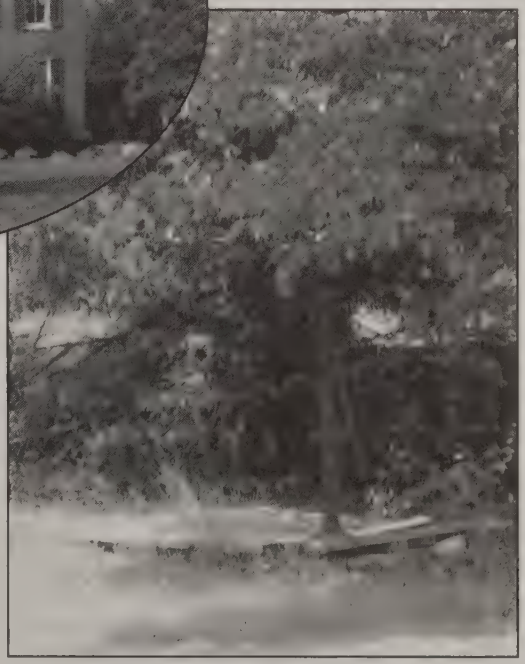
The Yankeetown M.E. Church was a frame church building erected at a cost of $1500. Location of this building is unknown at this time by this author.

Clark's Run Christian Church was said to be one of the first formed in the township around 1822. The first meetings were held in a log meeting house. Membership was reported at over 100 members. This church is no longer in existence. Location is unknown at this time. The Christian denomination was very active in the Mount Sterling area. The Christian Church in Mount Sterling is called the United Church.

The Five Points Christian Church was formed in 1864 by Caleb Morris. Meetings were held at the homes of Pleasant and John Southward. This name is listed among the burials at Shiloh Cemetery. The building was built in 1866 for $1300.

The Renick Church was moved to the vicinity of Deer Creek in Monroe Township. The Holiness Church operated the church after movement. Since it was moved to the vicinity of Deer Creek, it no doubt is in the area known as the Deercreek Reservoir.

Home of John & Susan Dunlap, III



Water pump at Larey School

Schools

The township had fourteen school districts or schools in 1900. In 2002, there were no schools. What a difference one hundred years has made.

Courtney Rawlins, Mike Moore, Sarah Morgan and George Schein did a Pickaway County history project on the one room schools of Monroe Township. They took grand honors. We were all proud of this project. The names of the schools we found were: Greenland, Rowlen, Ingman, Larey, Pleasant Grove, Hobuck, Thomas, Hill, Robison, Rebellion, Dunlap, Tick Ridge and one unknown.

Of the fourteen schools, there were eight standing: Rowlen, Ingman, Larey, Robison, Pleasant Grove, Hobuck, Greenland and one unknown in 1992. There were just six one room schools standing in Monroe Township in 2005.

Rowlen School, which is on the farm of
Mrs. Arthur (Suzanne) Dick
Ingman School, which serves the Pickens Tree Farm
Larey School, the home of Mrs. Pauline Bower
Hobuck, located on the Sheets farm
Pleasant Grove, located as a dwelling
Unknown School on Clark's Run Road

Hobuck School

Each school has a particular story to tell. Rebellion School got its name from its creation. A disagreement arose in one school in the district and as a result, the parents broke away and started their own school, thus Rebellion was formed.

Tick Ridge would be from the fact that the area was called Tick Ridge. Today, Tick Ridge is under water in the Deercreek Reservoir. No ticks there now.

As for the names of the others, the schools were named for families in the area and other geographic terms.

The year 1914 was the beginning of the centralized school. It has been said that the school bus made the centralized school possible. Monroe Township was no exception. The Monroe Centralized School was built for the district. Later Westfall School District was created from area townships. Advancement of time and the Monroe building went from all grades, down to K-5. In 2002, the Westfall Elementary was opened completing the cycle.

Monroe School

Cemeteries

Greenland Cemetery, located on Five Points Pike, was established in 1853. Pioneer names such as Adkins, Dennis, Bailey, Grindle, Timmons, Evans, Pepper, Pomeroy and Ryan are some of the names recognized. The cemetery is very well maintained.

Shiloh Cemetery is located on Hall Road. The cemetery notes that it was established in 1841. Readable names on the tombstones list Cardiff, Dawson, Dick, Hayes, Trimble, Southward, Baggs, Purnell, Larey and Davis. As in all old cemeteries, there are numerous stones which cannot be read. Interesting discoveries show that one family lost 3 children under the age of six years within a two month period of time. There are veterans of the War of 1812 in repose. The last burial being in 2003.

Hebron Cemetery was established in 1864 according to the marker. This cemetery is on Crownover Mill Road. Its name is derived from the fact that there was a Methodist Church nearby named Hebron. Also we find Civil War veterans buried here. The cemetery was a place of burial through 2001. It would appear that there are very few burial spaces left. Some of the names recognized on the grounds were: See, Crawford, Richey, Porter, Corkwell, Hamilton, Evans, Riley, Baker, Sterk, Castle, Dawson, Kidney and Hanawalt. Porter, Corkwell and Hanawalt are family names still known and visible in the township.

There are other burial plots in the area. When the Deercreek Reservoir was made, some burials were moved to other cemeteries. There are family plots at various locations which are maintained by owners of the land. I learned of one such plot, but I have not made contact with the owner regarding a visitation. I am sure other plats will be made known.

Five Points

Originally, Five Points was called Four Points. As for the reason, I was not able to determine. Studying the maps gave me no clue. Perhaps one of the roads was extended into five points, thus giving it the name. Five Points is located about the center of the township. The first store was established by William Leach in 1849. A few years later a store was opened by a Mr. Timmons. In 1851, a post office was opened with John Long as the Postmaster. This was discontinued in 1906 and the residents were placed under rural free delivery, commonly addressed as R.F.D. This service was placed under Mt. Sterling and is in existence today.

Various other endeavors of the residents of Five Points included tile factories, sawmills, meat markets and implement stores which specialized in wagons and carriages. Stables and blacksmiths were two other related businesses popular to the time. I am sure Five Points must have had a physician or two and an undertaker. The likes of which could not be found in any prior histories of the township. For certain people did get sick, have babies and die, not that order especially.

There are no stores or places of business in Five Points today, except the C and B Farm Supply. The letters in the business represent Clifton and Barr. One historian noted that Five Points was not blessed with hotels, mills, manufacturing, physicians or lawyers. Thus concluding that the inhabitants must be healthful and peaceful. The same prevails in 2005..

There is evidence of only one other settlement. That settlement is known as Grange Hall.

Organizations

One organization still existing in Monroe Township is the Star Grange. Declining memberships in the Granges have prompted other local Granges to merge. Scioto Grange from Commercial Point has merged with Five Points Star Grange.

The local men have an organization which produces finances for various charitable causes. They have a ball diamond for baseball and they also sponsor the local Boy Scout Troop. This organization leads the way for the young people of the community.

Above: Monroe Men's Club

Right: C & B Farm Supply

Roads/Turnpikes

Using the point of origin to the point of ending as the name often derived turnpikes and road names. Thus we would have the name of Darbyville, Five Points and Mt. Sterling as the name of the turnpike. Later the work Turnpike was shortened to Pike. Now the word Turnpike can refer to a road which has a toll, or even a road that does not have a toll. Originally synonymous, the above mentioned road cost $26,140 to build in 1869.

Many roads in Monroe Township take their name from the names of earlier inhabitants. Call, Davis, Adkins, Dennis, Hanawalt and Corkwell are a few of the roads that are named for former and present day families.

Deer Creek Lake

The Army Corps of Engineers designed and built Deer Creek Lake. This project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938 to control flooding, enhancement of recreation, fish and wildlife. The dam was begun in 1965 and completed in 1968.

The lake is 5.8 miles long, 15 to 40 feed deep and covers 1277 acres. The dam is 3880 feet, the length (concrete section) is 741 feet. The height (base to top) is 145 feet. The width (concrete section) is 26 foot on top. Deer Creek Lake has more than fulfilled the goals for which it was intended.

Since the park occupies area in Perry Township, see that story for more details.

Harding Cabin

A cabin owned by Hary M. Daugherty, Attorney General under President Warren G. Harding, is located in the Deer Creek State Park. The cabin was built in 1918. President Harding was said to have visited this cabin during the time he was President from 1921-1923. Harding may not have had many enemies, but he did have plenty of friends, which ended up being just as harmful. The cabin has been associated with President Harding, the Ohio Gang and the Teapot Dome Scandal. None of this came to light until after the President's untimely death in 1923.

Lodge

The lodge was designed to use the sun's energy to supplement the heating system. There are 100 guest rooms. The lodge features indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, whirlpool and exercise rooms. A restaurant, lounge and meeting rooms provide additional accommodations.

-Submitted by Lowell G. Anderson

Harding Cabin

Deer Creek Dam

Muhlenberg Township

Muhlenberg Township was created from portions of Scioto, Darby, Monroe and Jackson Townships on December 8, 1830, and named for Francis Muhlenberg, who settled into the area about 1820.

Education was a predominant issue for the township in the 20th century, beginning with the centralization of four school districts of the township with Darbyville in 1912. The elementary and high school students occupied a two-story wooden-frame high school building (1855) with a two-room building added behind in 1911. The flood of 1913 impacted the township as it washed out the bridge over Darby Creek on SR 316 at Darbyville. Horse-drawn school wagons transported pupils from the east side of the township to the creek, where a wire suspension foot-bridge allowed them to cross.

A new brick school house was built in 1922 at a cost of $47,421.00 on Water Street across from the former buildings. In 1938, lack of enrollment to meet the state's requirement resulted in the loss of its high school charter. There was division within the township as to which school district to designate for the education of these pupils. The county superintendent formed a combined Monroe-Muhlenberg District. This action was challenged by the Muhlenberg Board of Education in a lawsuit that was decided at mid-year, in favor of the new-combined district. The new board, with a different set of personnel, operated the school for the remainder of that year. The Muhlenberg board appealed the case at the state level where the decision was overturned and control of the Muhlenberg Township School was given back to the township's elected board for the start of the school year 1939-40. An elementary school remained at Darbyville until 1963-64. Prior to the opening of Westfall High School (1964-65) in facilities built near what was formerly the town of Pherson, the high school pupils were educated at Jackson Township School.

Some notables of the township were Jimmy Hulse, one of the Munchkins in the "Wizard of Oz"; Orville Hill, superintendent of Upper Arlington schools and assistant director of State Board of Education; Harry Beatty, a professor at Ohio State University; John McPherson, a well-loved coach at Darby Township, who organized the 6-man football in the county schools (1950's), and Mrs. Fannie Brooks, who persevered for the establishment of the Brooks-Yates Center for training the mentally and/or physically challenged in the county. Two athletes were Ernest "Snap" Ankrom, who was on a farm team for the New York Yankees when he was called to serve in WWII and became a POW, and Kenneth Reid who was inducted (1988) into Ohio's Softball Fast-Pitch Hall of Fame.

Up to the 1960's, the need for hired hands for farmers brought families from the Appalachian area into the township. Most family farms included some dairy cows. The flying Farmers of Muhlenberg 4-H Club (1949-1960's) with advisors Ray Carpenter and Kenneth Reid won many awards at the fairs. The most noted was "Champion Diary Group of 4" for 5 consecutive years (1953-1957) at the Pickaway County Fair.

As of 2005, the land is still used primarily for agricultural purposes growing corn, soybeans, and wheat. The twentieth century witnessed a change from using animals and crude equipment in farming to large, powerful machines and implements, costing as much as a quarter million dollars. Much of the land is farmed in one thousand to three thousand acre operations by farmers who own some ground and rent additional acreage.

Due to the high cost of machinery, labor, and other supplies, small farms are no longer able to adequately support their families. Some forage crops are grown for the few livestock and horses in the township. Jeff Wippel, Jay Wippel, and Cardinal Pork are finishing-out a large number of hogs. Ron Clifton raises elk. Darby Creek Growers on Federal Road operate a 3.8 acre greenhouse growing plants and flowers for wholesale. Gary Liff and Jeff Pickens operate commercial tree nurseries. Wright's Pick-A-Way Farm and Yoder's Darby Creek Pumpkins and More, both at the west end of Darby Road, grow produce for pick-your-own, retail, and wholesale. Since the 1980's there has been a sizable increase in the farm land being sold as building lots for housing.

Current businesses operating in the township include Carl Lindsey and Scott White in vintage aircraft restoration, Darby Creek Excavating, Clifton Brothers Farms and Excavating, David Perdue's T & P Contractors and Eric Gillispie for electrical work, Engle's Kennels and Recreational Vehicle & Boat Storage, Herb's Hot Rods for repair of exhaust systems operated by Chris Herboltzheimer and Leslie Cline's Darby Creek Argo selling amphibious RVs.

Clubs in the area include the Wings-to-Fly Club for hang gliding, Skydive Club for skydiving, Bill Moose Muzzle Loading Club, and the Top Twenty Camping Club.

The township trustees, Ron Clifton, Carl Lindsey and Walter Frasure, maintain 11.2 miles of roadways; Muhlenberg Township Cemetery, with heart-shaped driveways and recognized as one of the best cemeteries of the area; and Florence Cemetery (1806), revitalized in 2003, located two miles south of Darbyville.

Darbyville was incorporated in 1826 and named for the Shawnee Indian Chief Darby. From early burials and accounts, it was probably settled in the late 1700's. An inn, built very early, later gave rise to it being a stage coach stop on the Portsmouth-Piqua Trail.

The town entered the 20th century as a rather quiet, pretty village with tree-lined streets. Shoot-outs such as occurred on Main Street in 1886 were seen only at the Majestic Theatre (1916-1930's), built on Walter Street by Dr. Edward A. Secoy, MD. Silent movies, accompanied on the piano by Dr. Secoy's daughter, Beatrice, vaudeville shows, and plays were presented at the theater. The American House, a 17-room hotel built in 1824, was still in operation on Main Street until WWI. It is believed that the building was remodeled or replaced the original inn. Owner William J. Miller used it as a rooming house until it was destroyed by fire in 1938. Into the 1950's, homecomings and fish frys were held in July. Election Day dinners were served by the ladies of the Methodist Church.

Memorial Day observances included a parade to the cemetery, dinner, and church service. William J. Miller was a veteran of 3 wars: Spanish-American, Philippines Uprising, and WWI. Alfred Hastings was a survivor of the Battle of Argonne Forest in WWI.

April 2005 photo by Ron Clifton.
Muhlenberg Township Cemetery. Darbyville, OH

Fred Hinton, Harold Willoughby, Guy Ankrom, and Floyd Bennett gave their lives during World War II. Alvan Swank received a bronze medal for bravery. Annice Slagle was the only woman from the township to serve in WWII. Paul Stone lost his life in the Vietnam conflict of the 1970's. Memorial Day services are still conducted at the township cemetery, where a war memorial was constructed in 2003.

Physicians who practiced in Darbyville were Floyd E. Ginder (1904-1938) and Edward A. Secoy (1913-1940). Dr. Secoy specialized in diseases of the lungs and was director of Oak Grove (1915-1934), a health retreat located south of the village near London and Cochran Roads. The grounds provided fresh-air seclusion in a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients and cottages for other medical cases. Patients came from other countries to Darbyville for treatment.

Dr. George W. Miller, M.D. (1882-1931), whose office was in Columbus, Ohio, was the son of a Darbyville merchant and considered an authority on orthopedic surgery. He practiced at Mt. Carmel Hospital and was an instructor at Ohio State University.

Other stores were: 1. Corner of Water & West Streets: General Mercantile Harry Moore 1917-23; John Downs 1924-47; Roy Swaneys Grocery 1950-58; Melburn Conleys, Bob Rileys and Bob Risers grocery stores in the 1960s and Sharons Market until it was destroyed by fire in 1986. 2. Corner of Main & 2nd Streets: General Mercantile J.M. Grabill 1926-39; Benjamin Grabill 1939-56; Grocery stores operated by Bill Wright 1960-79; Red Rowland 1979-82; and Leonard Massengale who was the owner when it burned in 1984. 3. West side of Main Street between 3rd and 4th Streets a smaller grocery store that was formerly Dr. Ginders office, was operated by: Arthur Buzzard 1945-47; Floyd Brigner 1947-78; and Francis Knece in the 1980s. 4. East Street Frank Hott operated a discount store known by the locals as Darbyvilles Macys in the 1960s.

A grain and feed mill, located across from the cemetery, operated into the 1930s. It was destroyed by fire in 1943. In the center of the village was Cyrus Hintons auto and tractor repair garage (1934-1951), removed in 2005. Leonard Massie, a mechanic, operated a garage on Main Street into the 1980s. Rowes Body Shop (1980s) and Johnsons Fiber Glass (1990s) occupied the old theater building. Some barbers were Turney Calvert, Lossie Rohrer, and Arthur Radcliffe. Ethel Miller, Ellen Grabill and Wanda Speakman operated beauty shops.

Current businesses in Darbyville are PT Paintball and Supply, RS Golf Carts, and C & S Heating and Cooling. The only grocery is D & K Market and Pizza, established in 1987 and owned by David Perkins.

Most buildings of the old village were destroyed by fire, due to limited access to water. In the 1930s, the towns people formed bucket brigades from the town pump, while waiting for Ernie Hills water pumper from Williamsport to attend. Due to the assertiveness of Mayor Beverly Rothgeb, water service was provided in 1981 with a $1.6 million rehabilitation grant from HUD for revitalization of streets and homes.

The Darbyville Methodist church occupied a building that was rebuilt about 1885. The church was closed in 1964. The Darbyville Community Church now occupies the building with Rev. Leonard Gabbert as the pastor and an attendance of 30-40. The Darbyville Church of the Nazarene began in the former theater building in1954 with Rev. Lawrence Martindale as pastor. A new brick church was built in 1968, just beyond the cemetery. Rev. Russell Carson is the current pastor with an attendance of 50-60.

Officials serving the village in 2005 are: Mayor Harold Tackett and Council members: Erin Honesty President; Delores McCoy Clerk/Treasurer; John Johnson; Earline Lemaster; Richard Hinton; Sandi Tackett and one vacancy.

-Submitted by Mary Ellen Downs and John Drummond

1963 at the Miley Drummond Farm on Drummond Road, Muhlenberg Twp. OH. 25-50 Baker Tractor and Birdsell clover huller. Robert, Curtis, Roger and their Father Miley Drummond preparing to hull out little red clover seed. Miley was well known for selling this seed.

1961 Robert Drummond on Caterpillar D-6 pulling eight sixteen inch bottom experimental Oliver plow on loan from the Oliver Corporation for testing and evaluation. Field in Monroe Twp. Pickaway Co. OH. Probably one of the first crawlers used with a large plow in Pickaway County.

Perry Township

Perry Township, in the southwest corner of Pickaway County, was originally a part of Deer Creek Township before it was separated and organized as a township sometime in the early 1820's. The first settler arrived in the township about 1799, and many of the early settlers in the area were from Virginia. The Methodist were the first group to hold religious services in the township and to erect a log meeting house in 1814 at Cedar Grove, located near the present intersection of Judas Road and Egypt Pike. As early as 1818 the township had a school, which stood near what is now the intersection of Clarksburg Pike and Judas Road. In 1818, Andrew Bascom taught a term of school in a little log school. By the early 1900's, Perry Township was divided into eight sub-districts, each of which was represented by a one-room red brick schoolhouse: Arnold, Atlanta, Cedar Grove, Crownover Mill, Dublin Hill, Hay Run, Locust Grove, and Mouser. Around 1915, all of the sub-districts were centralized and Atlanta became the location of the township's central school, eliminating one-room schoolhouses. Other important events in the township's history include the introduction of rural electrification in 1936 and the construction of the Deer Creek Dam and Reservoir in the late 1960's.

Today Perry Township consists of 35.5 square miles of land, with 92.3% of the area used as farmland. The Census of 2000 recorded a population of 1,319. The only two communities located in the township are the village of New Holland, located in the western part of the township on the county line with Fayette County, and the unincorporated hamlet of Atlanta, located midway between New Holland and Williamsport. As of March 2005, the Trustees of the township are Daniel Brown, Delbert Remy, Jr., Scott Skinner, and Clerk, Mary Ellen Schwart.

Two major highways, U.S. Route 22 and State Route 207, cross the township. U.S. Route 22, once known as Route 40 and Route 10 before being renamed in 1932, basically follows the same route of the former toll road known as the Circleville and Washington Turnpike, which was constructed around 1839. State Route 207, known as State Route 277 from 1931-1962, was constructed through the township during the 1930's and mostly follows the route of another old toll road known as the Chillicothe and Urbana Pike. By 1945 all of the main roads in the township were blacktopped.

A railroad, constructed in the summer of 1853, crossed the township. The first train traveled over the route in early 1854. Known first as the Cincinnati, Wilmington and Zanesville Railroad and then later by the names of Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley Railroad and Pennsylvania Railroad, the railroad provided passenger and freight service to the towns of New Holland and Atlanta and played a major role in the development of both communities. The passenger trains over this section of the railroad were discontinued on June 30, 1930, and the last freight train passed through the township on April 1, 1976.

The oldest and probably most historical building in the township is the "Halfway House," located at 23770 State Route 207. Built in 1829 by Henry Rickey as an inn and stagecoach stop, this was the first brick house in the area, serving as a toll stop along the old toll road, it earned its name because its location was halfway between Chillicothe and London. At one time court was also held in the home when it was owned by "Squire" Thomas of Monroe Township. The present owners of the home, Robert and Jan Carroll have resided there since 1973 and done extensive remodeling, restoring it to as near its original state as possible. The home still contains much of the original wavy window glass and the original walnut woodwork. There is also a built-in locking money drawer which was used during inn and court days.

The new Holland Town Hall- circa 1906

New Holland

The Village of New Holland, platted on September 2, 1818, on land owned by Wilkins Ogburn, Rhesa Young, and Levin Ross, was originally named Flemingsburg for one of the early settlers of the area. Why the town's name changed is not known; however, we speculate that when a post office was established in the town around 1827, state authorities denied the town's petition because there was already another Flemingsburgh in the state. Thus another name was needed. Since some of the residents were of Dutch and Pennsylvania Dutch (German) descent, the town was renamed New Holland in memory of their home country. The first post office was established on November 1, 1827; Sylvester Green served as the first postmaster. New Holland became an incorporated village on March 9, 1835, with Reverend Francis A. Wilson serving as the first mayor. The first village council was organized on April 6, 1869, and in September 1998, Kay Schobert became the first woman mayor of New Holland. As of March

2005, village officials included: Anita Faye Helsel, mayor; Philip Funk, Jane Ann Garrison, George Johnson, Mike Murphy, Tracey Perkins, Joe Stuckey, council; Mavis Yourchuck, clerk/treasurer; Mike Murphy, fire chief; Matt Francis, acting chief of police; and Yana McCann, postmaster.

After the advent of the railroad in 1854, New Holland became a busy shipping point for large quantities of grain and also a thriving trading and business center. New Holland continued to grow throughout the late 1800's and early 1900's and by the mid-1940's was home to many businesses, including two grain elevators, a canning factory, a hardware and lumber store, one drug store, four grocery stores, one dime store, four restaurants, a furniture store, an electrical appliance store, one motion picture theater, four filling stations, two garages, two implement dealers, one real estate office, one funeral director, four barbers, and two beauty shops. At this time, the community had two physicians and one veterinarian. The town's lone newspaper, *The New Holland Leader*, served the community for 93 years. During this time, New Holland was a "Saturday Night Town" as large crowds would come into town on Saturday evenings to get groceries, run errands, see a picture show, or just socialize. The town hall not only served as the center for the village offices but also as center for many of the community's social functions. The second floor of the hall was used for Saturday night dances, plays, medicine shows, graduations, and the annual community Halloween and Christmas parties. Drawing large crowds, the annual Fall Festival and Homecoming, later known as the Street Carnival and Community Days, was sponsored by the American Legion Post #477 from 1921 to 1976. Today, business activity in New Holland is limited. The three oldest businesses still in operation are The First National Bank, established and opened for business in 1904; Kirk's Furniture Store and the Kirkpatrick Funeral Home, both of which were established in 1913 by Cassius and Ansel Kirkpatrick, Sr. and are still owned and operated by members of the Kirkpatrick family.

The school building at New Holland- circa 1910

The 1900's saw many firsts in the way of modernization. Electric lights were turned on in the village on August 12, 1909; Front Street was paved with brick in 1923. (All other village streets were paved by 1934.) Water under pressure was installed in 1941; natural gas, in 1962, and a sewer system and wastewater plant, in 1979-80.

As early as 1828, there was a school in the village; one of the first was a log building located on North Main Street. Through the years schools were built at various locations in the village. In 1887, Miss Agnes Kerrigan was the first graduate of New Holland High School. In 1899, a new two-story eight-room brick building with a library and an office was erected on South Main Street to replace the school that had been destroyed by a fire in January 1899. At first all twelve grades were housed in this building. After a high school was built in 1929, the building was used as the grade school, housing grades one through eight. The last classes were held in this building in May 1962, and the building was razed in 1970. A high school consisting of six rooms, an office, and a gymnasium was constructed almost opposite the grade school building on South Main Street in 1929 and was used as the high school for the next 33 years. In 1958 the New Holland School District became part of the Miami Trace School District in Fayette County; the last New Holland class graduated in 1962. After the opening of the new Miami Trace High School in September 1962, the former New Holland building was converted into an elementary school and is still in use, housing grades kindergarten through sixth with an enrollment of about 158 students.

Churches have had a long history in the village. Today three churches serve the community: Church of Christ, Church of Christ in Christian Union, and United Methodist Church. Organized in 1825, the Methodist Church as been in its current location since the building was dedicated on April 23, 1911. The New Holland Disciples, now known as the Church of Christ, was organized in the spring of 1857 and has been in its current location since the building was dedicated on October 6, 1901. The Church of Christ in Christian Union, organized on November 25, 1902, has been in its current location since 1902, with the congregation building a new church that was dedicated on March 11, 1990.

The oldest business building in the village is now occupied by Kirk's Used Furniture Store on E. Front Street. Originally known as Ferguson Block, it was built in 1889. During the late 1800's and early 1900's, several fires ravaged the business section of town and caused the loss of many of the town's older buildings. Major fires that have struck the town occurred in 1883, 1889, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1905, 1912, 1919, and 1927. Recently, some of New Holland's older buildings have been torn down. The following is a list of those buildings named by the businesses that had occupied them the longest and the year they were demolished: Griffith's Store on N. Main Street, 1981; New Holland Grain Corp. elevator on W. Front Street, 1984; Town Hall on N. Main Street, 1990; Ken's (Oesterle) Store on E. Front Street, 1990; Louis Cast Store on N. Main Street, 1995; and the former hotel building on N. Main Street, 2003.

Atlanta

The hamlet of Atlanta was originally known as Four Corners due to its location at the intersection of the Chillicothe and Urbana Road (now State Route 207) and Locust Grove Road. From early times, it had been the location of a stage stop and store. With a railroad constructed in 1853, Atlanta soon became a busy trade center. By the late 1850's, William Propst petitioned for a post office since his store had become a drop off point for mail, passengers, and freight. Propst was granted a commission as postmaster on August 6, 1859, and Four Corners became known as Propstville. Although it is not known for certain just how the hamlet became known as Atlanta, a 1962 history written by Rendell Rhoades states that the circumstances of the time may suggest the origin. During the summer following the end of the Civil War (1865) new and heavier rails were laid on the railroad and a new switch and new depot were built at the crossing of the Chillicothe Pike. Undoubtedly among the crew working on the railroad were veterans of the Civil War who had helped to render Confederate railroads useless as they followed General Sherman on his march through Georgia "from Atlanta to the sea." The burning of the old ties and heaps of rusty iron rails at Propstville must have made a scene that evoked memories of Atlanta, Georgia, so the new depot was called "Atlanta." William E. Harriman, who succeeded William Propst as the postmaster of Propstville, had the peculiar situation of operating the Propstville post office in the Atlanta railroad depot. In 1866, Harriman petitioned to have the name of the post office changed to Atlanta to coincide with the name of the railroad station; on August 6, 1866, the name was officially changed.

A one-room red brick schoolhouse, known as subdistrict No. 3, was constructed around 1850. To accommodate populations growth, an addition to the school – another room and hall – was added to this building in 1894. This building was destroyed by a fire in November 1902, and a new two-story, four-room building was erected on the same site in 1903. The school board established a high school in 1900, and in 1906 a class of three members was the first to graduate from there. About 1910, the high school was upgraded to first class when a fourth year of study was added to the curriculum. In 1914, a new building consisting of six classrooms, an auditorium, and an office was built next to the four-room school building; this new building, the Perry Township-Atlanta High School, served in that capacity for the next 46 years. During the 1930's, the school's campus expanded to include a new auditorium-gymnasium, a classroom and shop room, and additional restrooms. Around 1946, the school acquired a 63-acre farm through federal government aid to be used for vocational agricultural studies. The Class of 1960 was the last class to graduate from the high school, and Atlanta's last classes were held in the spring of 1962, with all students being transported to the school in Williamsport until the completion of the Westfall Local School District. After 1962, the former high school building became the Community Building and was used as a meeting center for the community. In July 1937, the school property was sold at a public auction, and from 1975 to the early 1980's, Jean Paul LeDuc operated The Deer Creek Play Palace/Sports Arena there. The former high school building was torn down sometime in the 1980's. The auditorium-gymnasium and the school building built in 1903 still stand.

Atlanta High School Building 1936

The B.C. Hughes Store in Atlanta, OH – circa 1938

In an 1954 article, Johnny Jones, a columnist for *The Columbus Dispatch*, wrote that Atlanta was once known throughout the United States for its chickens and eggs. George D. Corlis, who raised Brahma chickens and other fancy chickens such as Buff and Partridge Cochins, at one time sent carloads of his eggs throughout the country and received many prizes when he showed his poultry at the first World's Fair in Chicago in 1893.

Some of the businesses located in Atlanta at one time or another since the early 1900's include the general/grocery stores of Craw-

ford & Macy, Grant Campbell, Wiley Campbell, Bertram Hughes, and Clarence Fox; the hardware stores and Ford dealerships of George Adkins and Amos Duvall; barber shop of Chauncey Turner; carpentry shop of Lew Binns; the blacksmith shops of Charlie Henry and Michael Flunk; a tile factory; and a grain elevator and fertilizer plant which are both still in operation. A fire destroyed the Sohigro fertilizer plan on May 1, 1979, and the residents of Atlanta and surrounding area were evacuated to avoid the toxic fumes, which the blaze created. Later in 1979, the fertilizer plant was rebuilt. Until its discontinuation on January 5, 1985, a local post office served the community. Built in 1896, the Atlanta United Methodist church – with an annex dedicated on April 27, 1969 – continues to serve the community. The annex serves as the center for community social functions such as the church's annual fish fry and the annual Alumni Banquet of the Atlanta High School.

The old village pump, a relic of Atlanta's past, still stands. The well has been located there for about 140 years; in the past, people depended upon the well for their entire water supply, making the trip to the pump, drawing the water and carrying it back to their homes. The well, only 40 feet deep, reportedly went almost dry only once in 1950 when a large amount of water had been drawn. The well seemed to be recharged by an endless flow of water, perhaps fed by an ancient underground river.

Deer Creek State Park

A leading Central Ohio vacation and recreation spot, Deer Creek Dam and Reservoir and State Park consists of 7,625 acres, with 60% of the area located in Pickaway County, 35% in Fayette County, and 5% in Madison County. Researchers discovered evidence that the Deer Creek State Park area was once inhabited by ancient Indian tribes, some dating back to around 2000 B.C. On Tick Ridge, which once overlooked Deer Creek and its valley, numerous artifacts have been unearthed from the Tick Ridge and McCoy Mounds, burial mounds from the period of the Adenas (1000 B.C. to 400 A.D.). Later, the Shawnees lived in the area.

Another historical site on this ridge is the Harding Cabin. This rustic one and one-half story cottage located high above Deer Creek in Pickaway County, was built in 1918 as the summer home of Harry M. Daughtery. Daughtery, a political adviser and friend of Warren G. Harding, was appointed Attorney General when Harding was elected Presidnet in 1920. During Harding's term, "The Shack," as it was known when owned by Daughtery, reportedly became a secluded gathering and party place for Harding's friends and supporters, administration officials, and the President himself. The Shack found the national limelight after the Teapot Dom Scandal and other government scandals were uncovered during and after Harding's term. Daughtery, dismissed as Attorney General by President Coolidge in March 1924, was suspected of profiting from the sale of government alcohol supplies, failing to enforce Prohibition statutes, and selling pardons. Indicted for conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government, he was eventually acquitted after asserting his Fifth Amendment protection and two juries failed to agree. The Department of Natural Resources saved the cabin from being razed in 1967; today, Harding Cabin is open to the public and can be rented.

The Flood Control Act of 1938 authorized the Deer Creek Reservoir for the purpose of flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancement. The dam is part of a system of dams designed to reduce flooding of the Scioto and Ohio Rivers. In August 1965, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington (West Virginia) District began construction of the dam and 1,277 acre reservoir on Deer Creek near the site of the former Crownover Mill, so named for the mill which was in operation from about 1812 until the 1940's. The dam, located 5.5 miles north-northwest of New Holland, has a maximum height of 93 feet and length of 3,880 feet. Construction was completed by early 1968, and the dam was officially dedicated on September 21, 1968.

Deer Creek State Park, which officially opened in 1974, is located to the south and east of the lake and is leased to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Division of Wildlife for fish, wildlife and general recreation purposes. Several meadows and woodlands surround the scenic lake. Today this resort park features the Lodge and Conference Center, which was opened in 1981. The 110-room lodge with its restaurant, lodge, indoor/outdoor pools, sauna, whirlpool, exercise room and meeting rooms was recently renovated as part of a $1.4 million project. The park's other features include 25 cottages that have overnight accommodations, a 227 site campground, a 350 acre 18 hole public golf course, many miles of hiking, bridle and fitness trails, several picnic areas located around the lake, a 1,700-foot beach, swimming, a fully equipped marina, boating, fishing and hunting. *(Also see Monroe Township as the park lays in both townships.)*

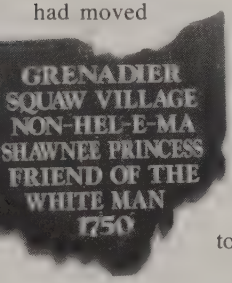
-Submitted by Chris Sprouse

Pickaway Township

If you like to walk the paths of our country's heritage, Pickaway Township is of special interest. This area of the state contained important Indian villages that were Lord Dunmore's purpose to destroy. The most important were Cornstalk and Grenadier Squaw towns. Another was Chief Logan's town located on the west side of the Scioto River. He is known for his famous speech made at the Logan Elm after the murder of his family by the white men.

Shawnee Indian towns ...

The Shawnee had two major towns within this township. They were Cornstalk's Town and Grenadier Squaw Town. They were brother and sister and had moved westward from Maryland to settle in the 1740's near the mouth of the Scioto River. By the 1750's they had moved to the Pickaway Plains. Grenadier Squaw was a tall, stately woman who was chosen as chief of her village. The village was on the south bank of Scippo Creek, east of U.S. 23 across from the village of her brother, Cornstalk. Near Grenadier Squaw Town was a burning ground. It was situated on an elevated spot in full view of all the other towns nearby when a victim was at the stake.



First road ...

The first "road" in Pickaway Township was Zane's Trace, opened in 1796. It was only a path at first that horses and people could follow. The road passed through central Pickaway Township.

First cabin ...

The first cabin in the township was built in 1796 by Caleb Evans. The lob cabin was along Scippo Creek on present day Kingston Pike. It later burned and was replaced by a brick home and barns which still stand. A family cemetery was located on the high banks above Scippo Creek. It was one of the first graveyards in the county. The first log schoolhouse in the county was located on a hill east of the farm until 1938. Another early settler of the township was Capt. John Boggs from Pennsylvania. George Hitler and family, also from Pennsylvania, settled in the spring o 1799. John Gay, father of Mrs. George Hitler, came with his family in 1799. Other settlers at the end of the 18th century were: Thomas and John Barr, John Sharp, John Rush, and Matthew Ferguson.

When the first settlers came to the Pickaway Plains they found them covered with grass ready for cultivation. No clearing was necessary. The soil was very fertile. The principal stream is Scippo Creek which empties into the Scioto River. Congo Creek, and important stream, flows through the southern part and unites with Scippo Creek. Kinnickinnick Creek, is another stream in the east part of the township.

Logan's Elm ...

Logan Elm Park memorializes the name and fame of a great Indian leader, Logan, chief of the Mingos. It is located one mile east of U.S. Route 23 on State Route 361, south of Circleville. The tree no longer stands but a plaque marks the site of the Logan Elm. In 1922 the circumference of the tree was 21 feet 6 inches. Its height was 104 feet and spread of the elm was 156 feet. The elm died in 1965. An historic marker marks the site where Chief Logan delivered his dramatic speech concerning relations between Native Americans and white settlers.

Mail ...

Mail was carried by horse and rider for many years. Eventually a stage coach line was established between Columbus and Chillicothe and the route eventually became U.S. Route 23. This was replaced by the railroads in the 1870's.

Transportation ...

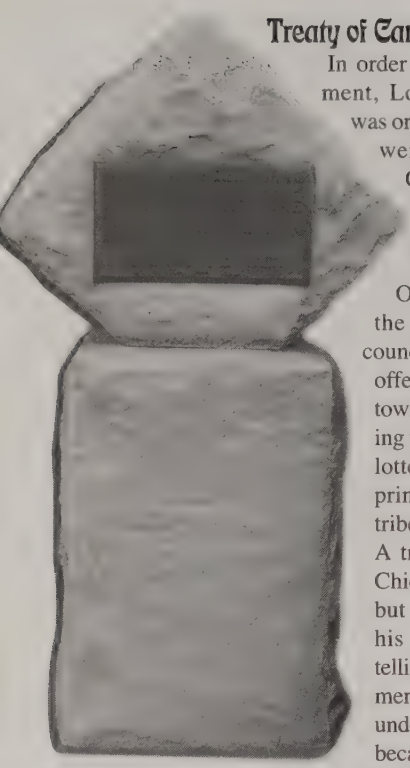
By 1830 the area was largely agricultural and most of the industries nearby were related to agriculture. Transportation became a major player in economic development. Grain was loaded on flatboats ending up as far as New Orleans. Boats traveled the Scioto River to the Ohio River and Mississippi River.

The Ohio-Erie Canal was completed to Circleville in 1830 and became a major freight and transportation artery. Canal traffic declined in the 1850's as a result of the coming of the railroads, a much faster means of transportation.

The Scioto Valley Traction Railroad Line brought its first passengers to the area in 1904. The Line traveled from Columbus to Chillicothe. It's service ended in 1930. The Line was known for its 3 rails. One rail was electrified which brought energy to the railroad car, similar to the old trolley cars in Columbus that had overhead electrified lines. Today, both the Norfolk & Southern and CSX traverses the western side of the township from north to south.

1925, Celebrating Ohio History Day at Logan Elm Park.

Treaty of Camp Charlotte ...



Camp Charlotte – Near this spot the famous treaty was made between Lord Dunmore, Governor of Virginia, and Chief Cornstalk of the Shawnees and allied tribes in Oct. 1774.This camp was named "Charlotte" after the queen of England.

In order to open the area to settlement, Lord Dunmore's campaign was organized in 1774. His troops were concentrated at Camp Charlotte, numbering about 2,500 men. The victory at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, near Gallipolis, Ohio, broke the power of the Indians. Therefore, at a council meeting they decided to offer peace in order to save their towns from destruction. A meeting was arranged at Camp Charlotte with Lord Dunmore and principal chiefs of the Scioto tribes to conduct negotiations. A treaty was signed in 1774. Chief Logan refused to attend but a statement was ready by his friend, Col. John Gibson, telling of his anger with the white men. Logan met with Gibson under the spreading elm tree that became known at Logan's Elm. Gibson repeated the now famous speech to the officers at Camp Charlotte. The Treaty of Camp Charlotte marker is erected near Leistville on Route 56, near Route 159. Thus the recorded history of Pickaway County began in 1774.

Early towns ...

Nash, a community consisting of 8 families, was located on the southeast corner of U.S. Route 23 South and State Route 361. A grocery store was established and a post office opened December 20, 1889 and discontinued December 15, 1900.

Hayesville was a settlement of 10 families at the intersection of the Kingston Pike and Hayesville Road. It was formerly a post office and later a stop on the traction line. Fred Dumm conducted a grocery and hardware store. W.H. Grove was the village blacksmith.

Meade contained up to 50 or 60 inhabitants and is located in the southeastern part of the township near the intersection of State Route 159 and Hayesville Road. The community of Meade had its own schoolhouse.

Thatcher had a population of 35 and is located on State Route 56. The post office was closed in 1903.

Jefferson was laid out by Henry Nevill in 1803 and a strong effort was made to secure the location as a county seat. But the town failed and Circleville later became the county seat.

Churches ...

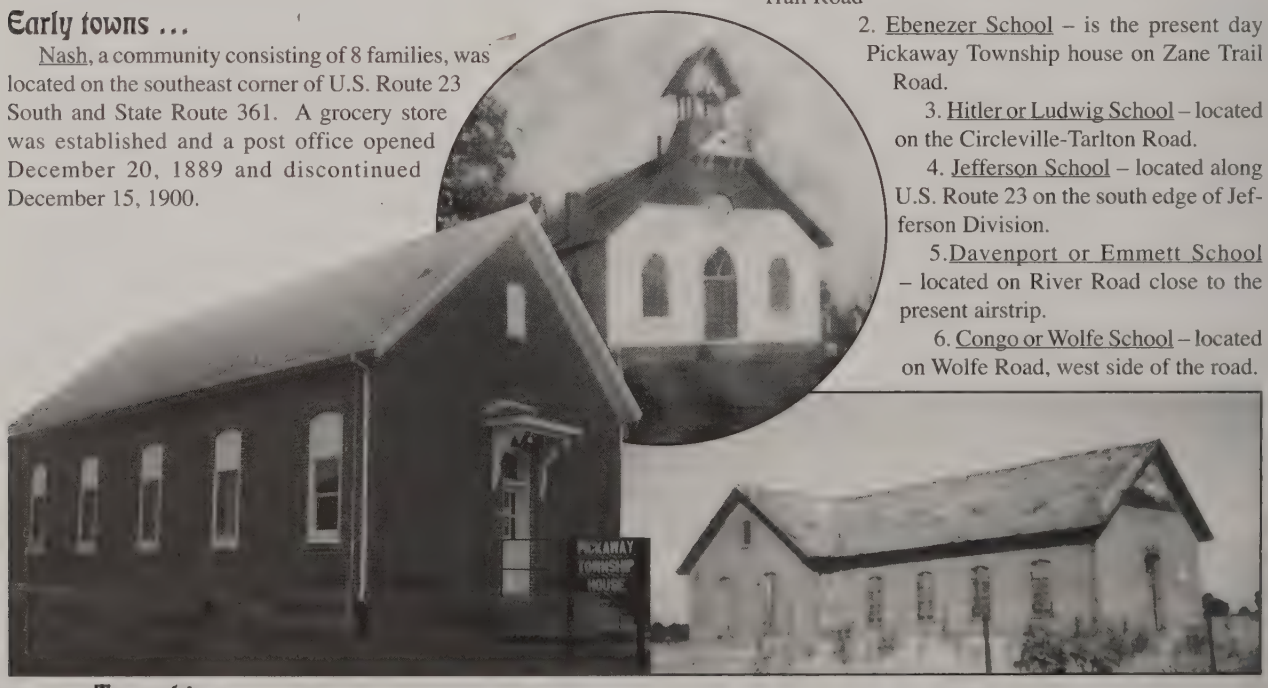
The first church in the township was at Meade. The Methodist Church was built in 1802 and was a log meetinghouse. A circuit preacher held services in the building. The building also served as a school for the community. *(Meade Church and cemetery)* Another Methodist church was organized about 1808 on a hill just south of Congo Creek bridge on Route 23. It was know as Emmett's Chapel. A new church has been built to replace it on Tarlton Road, east of Route 23.

Ebenezer Church was located about half a mile east of Hayesville, at the intersection of Hayesville Road and Gay-Dreisbach Roads. The Rev. John Dreisbach organized the church in 1835. The church is on the farm of Rev. Dreisbach and stood for 95 years. He and his wife are buried in the adjoining cemetery.

Schools ...

Pickaway Township's School System was originally made up of nine, one or two room schools scattered throughout the township. They were:

1. Rice School – located on the Stevens property on Zane Trail Road
2. Ebenezer School – is the present day Pickaway Township house on Zane Trail Road.
3. Hitler or Ludwig School – located on the Circleville-Tarlton Road.
4. Jefferson School – located along U.S. Route 23 on the south edge of Jefferson Division.
5. Davenport or Emmett School – located on River Road close to the present airstrip.
6. Congo or Wolfe School – located on Wolfe Road, west side of the road.



7. Salem or Meade School – located on Hayesville Road at Meade.

8. Boggs School – located on Route 361, north of Route 159

9. Warren or Oak Grove School – located on corner of Hayesville Road and Pickaway Saltcreek Township Line

These schools taught students in grades one through eight. When students completed the eighth grade and passed the Boxwell examination they were eligible to attend any Ohio high school. Students from Pickaway Township continued their education at Kingston or Circleville High School.

In 1912 the new Centralized Pickaway Township School opened with 196 students. This school was located on the Kingston Pike south of Circleville and served the students of the township for 47 years. Early transportation to the school was provided by horse-drawn wagons. By the 1930's children rode in motor-driven trucks and eventually busses. *(Centralized Pickaway Township School and horse-drawn school wagon)*

In 1960 consolidation of the high schools of three townships (Pickaway, Saltcreek, and Washington) formed a new school called Logan Elm High School which contained grades 9-12. In 1971 the McDowell Exchange School opened for grades 7, 8 and kindergarten. Today Pickaway Township School houses kindergarten through grade six.

Early Business ...

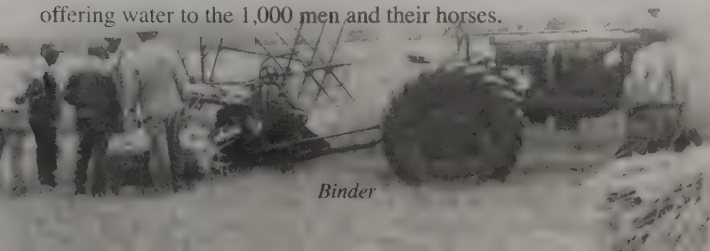
Early industries included mills for grinding grain and sawing lumber. By 1830 the township and county had become mostly agricultural and most of the industries were related to agriculture. Canneries, such as the Sears and Nicholas Canning Corporation, were responsible for processing and shipping tons of corn in 1934. They employed 300 people and canned everything from beans and peas to pumpkin and succotash.

The township is one of the finest agricultural regions in Ohio and crops consist mainly or corn, wheat and soybeans. Early steam-powered threshers and combines helped increase production in Pickaway County in the 1930's and 1940's.

Raising livestock on the prairies became a boom due to the native grasses. The early families used drovers to "drove" the cattle to markets. Mount Oval, south of Circleville on Route 23, was built in 1832 by William and Jane Boggs Renick at the site of the early Shawnee Villages. The Renick family brought fine breeds of cattle from England and became early drovers of cattle on trails across the Appalachian Mountains to eastern cities.

Civil War Camp ...

Camp Circleville, located just south of the intersection of Tarlton Road and Kingston Pike, was a Civil War camp The camp was only in operation for a period of three months. The 90th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and the 114th Ohio Infantry trained there. With many regiments being formed in 1862, new camps had to be found. When Isaac Ludwig joined the 90th, his father, Jacob Ludwig, offered his farm as a site. It was accepted by the authorities. Scippo Creek, located nearby, made the site favorable offering water to the 1,000 men and their horses.



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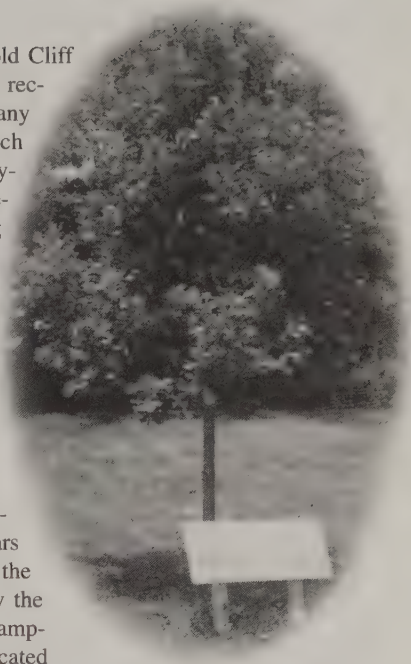
Gold Cliff Park ...

From 1935 – 1987, Gold Cliff Park was a popular family recreation area. It offered many types of entertainment such as a swimming pool, a playground for children, horseshoe pitching, and a skating rink, complete with a Hammond organ and juke boxes for music. Shoe skates and clamp skates were allowed. A dining room was available, as well as shelter houses for picnics. Many family reunions, organizations and other large groups could make reservations for the day. In later years the skating rink burned and the pool was removed. Today the park has a campsite and campers are sold. The park is located on U.S. Route 23 about four miles south of Circleville.



A new Elm tree has been planted at Logan Elm Park.

Pickaway Township is the largest township in the county in area with about 47 square miles. The township was organized before Pickaway County was founded in 1810. Population according to the 2000 census is 1,851.

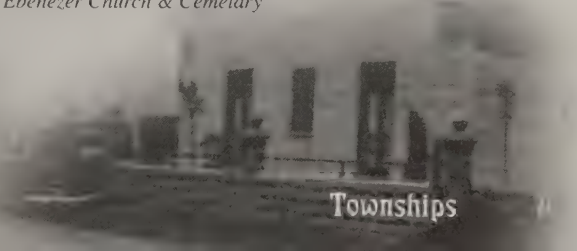
Logan's Speech

(Given at the sight of the Logan Elm tree – 1774)

"I appeal to any white man to say, if ever he entered Logan's cabin hungry and I gave him not meat; if ever he came cold or naked and I gave him not clothing. During the course of the last long and bloody war, Logan remained in his tent an advocate for peace. Nay, such was my love for the whites, that those of my own country pointed at me as they passed by and said 'Logan is friend of white men'. I had even thought to live with you, but for the injuries of one man. Colonel Cresap, the last spring, in cold blood, and unprovoked, cut off all the relatives of Logan; not sparing even my women and children; there runs not a drop of my blood in the veins of any human creature. This called on me for revenge. I have sought it. I have killed many. I have fully glutted my vengeance. For my country, I rejoice at the beams of peace. Yet, do not harbor the thought that mine is the joy of fear. Logan never felt fear. He will not turn on his heel to save his life. Who is there to mourn for Logan? Not one."

-Submitted by Don and Elaine Poling

Ebenezer Church & Cemetary



Salt Creek Township

On a drive through Salt Creek Township, you may see historic sites. Amish farming will take you back to the 1800's. On the other side of the fence, monstrous new farm machinery may be working in the fields. Many folks have the opportunity to view the beautiful Salt Creek Valley as they travel to the Hocking Hills and beyond.

Salt Creek Township is township eleven of range twenty and is located in the southeast of Pickaway County, Ohio. Salt Creek Township was formed as a six mile square, from Fairfield County. Salt Creek was one of the earliest settled and very productive areas in Ohio. The land is hilly and rolling with clay soil in the northern part of the township. The southern part of the township is somewhat level with rich dark soil.

The area was first inhabited by the Shawnee Indians. They named the Salt Creek that flows through the valley. Animals came to the salt licks and the Indians boiled the creek water to get salt. There are two Indian mounds in the township, one being on top of Harmon Hill and the Zwayer Farm near the intersection of Shoemaker Road and State Route 56. The other mound is between Jackson Road and Heffner Road, south of State Route 56, on the Meaneer Farm. These were Indian signal mounds and they form a line with other mounds from Circleville to the Hocking Hills.

The military encampment of Lord Dunmore was along Scippo Creek in Section Six. Lord Dunmore signed a treaty with Chief Cornstalk in 1774. This area is known as Camp Charlotte, named for the Queen of England, at the time.

Ebenezer Zane was commissioned to map a road through the Ohio wilderness in 1797. This road is known as Zanes Trace and it ran from Wheeling, Virginia to Maysville, Kentucky. Zanes Trace came into Tarlton and Salt Creek Township. Most pioneers followed the road and when they saw the lush green forested area along Salt Creek, many stayed. They cleared the trees and cultivated the soil. Some of their offspring still live in the area today.

Tarlton was laid out in 1801 by Benjamin Newell. He first named the village Newellstown. He transferred the land to John Shoemaker, who renamed it after the British General, Sir Benestre Tarleton. It is the oldest village in Pickaway County and the second oldest in Ohio. The oldest legible stone in the Tarlton Cemetery is dated 1808.

Conrad Stumpf purchased land in Section Twenty-Four of Salt Creek Township. He was very generous to the church there and the church was named the Stumpf Church and cemetery. The brick church still stands, but is beyond repair. This is the oldest cemetery in Salt Creek Township. Jane Defenbaugh was the first person buried there in August, 1804. Salt Creek Township has eight churches and eight cemeteries.

Tarlton set up the first post office in 1812, and it sill has a post office in the store, Tarlton Market. The settlements of Stringtown and Whisler also had post offices. Today, there are no stores or post offices in either location.

Whisler was first called Prairie and sometimes it was nicknamed "Pinch Gut". The first school of the township was a log structure in Section Thirty-Three, in about 1805, and was called Prairie View School. About the same time, a log structure was put up in Tarlton for a school. The Prairie View School has been moved twice. It is currently part of a house located on Jackson Road in Whisler.

Before 1900, a brick one-room school was erected in each of the ten school districts of Salt Creek Township. On November 13, 1915, the voters of the township elected to pass an issue to build and furnish a centralized school. The Salt Creek Centralized School opened September 18, 1916.

In the late 1800's, people and families gathered for reunions, camping, and visiting at such locations as Mineral Springs, near the Salt Creek, the Stump Grove, near the Stumpf Church and the Heffner Campgrounds north of Whisler on Jackson Road.

The Southeastern Ohio Fair Association grounds were located in Section Thirty-Six. Horse races around a mound, livestock classes, agricultural displays, and fine arts were enjoyed by many people. There were displays of new farm machinery and implements. Excursions were offered on the Karshner Railroad to Kingston and beyond.

"Old Rosie" was the engine of the railroad line which ran from South Bloomingville to Laurelville and north through Tarlton and on into Fairfiled County. The line was nicknamed the "Zig-Zag" and the "Twister". That train service ended about 1918.

The 1900's brought about big changes for Salt Creek Township. Telephone service came about 1904. Natural gas wells and pipelines came in the 1920's. In 1930, the South Central Rural Electric Co-Op brought electricity to the township. A Standard Oil full service gasoline station was built just west of Laurelville on Route 56, in 1937.

Farming changed, in 1900, with the use of large steam driven tractors, grain threshers, and saw mills. 1910 brought the Oil-Pull, a smoother and more powerful tractor. The 1930's really improved by most farmers using gasoline powered tractors. Most blacksmith shops, by this time, had become automobile, tractor, and machinery shops.

Fred Fetherolf, an amateur radio operator, started his television sales and service business about 1944, on Route 56, just north of Stringtown.

The 1950s introduced farm chemicals and better fertilizer that increased crop yields. New and even better methods of farming, with bigger equipment, came in the 1960s. Along with these changes, also came debt and a larger population to the township. Many men and women of the township started working at factories and other businesses to help supplement their income.

Over the next forty-five years, much of the Salt Creek Township farmland has been sold for building homes and mini farms. Only

Five new motor school buses and drivers, 1939.
Ford owned and driven by Laurece "Bundy" Woodward
Ford owned and Driven by Floyd Reid
International owned and driven by Ernie Enoch
International owned and driven by John Morrison
Ford owned and driven by Floyd Dunkel

Barr Brothers store in Tarlton. Note the gasoline pump, street light, and signs and the larger tree.

about twenty family farms remain with seventeen major farmers working between 100 to 2500 acres of land that they own or rent in this township.

The Tarlton Salt Creek Fire Department was formed in 1955. Twenty-one members took the basic fire-fighting course. Malcolm Wolfe was the first fire chief. The first modern fire station was built in Tarlton. A fire station was later built in Whisler, about 1971, and a new station replaced it in 2005. Both Tarlton and Whisler stations have EMT service, that Tarlton started about 1975.

The fire departments have had several fundraising events to help purchase new and better equipment. The fish fry and the annual fox drive are well attended. The fox drive started about 1945 and is held each January. Because of new hunting laws, it is now called the Annual Coyote Drive. The Salt Creek Town and Country club ladies furnished food for the fox drive, until the fire department took over about 1988.

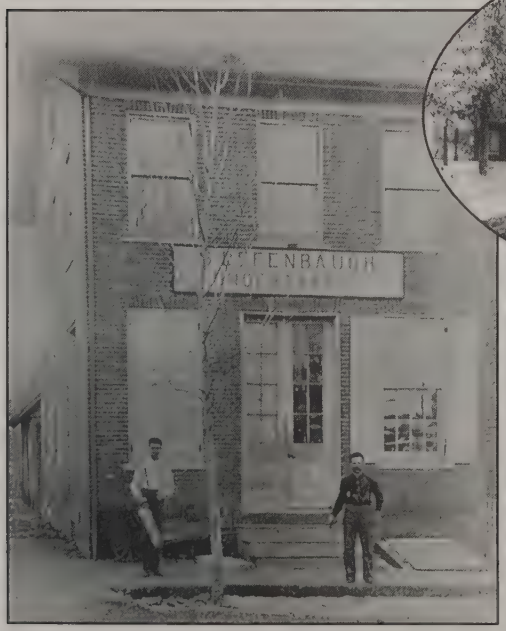
The Salt Creek Township trustees maintain thirty-eight miles of roads. The trustees have a new office and storage building that was built in 2003.

1988 started a flashback in agriculture for the township. Amish families began to move into the area. By the fall of 1993, over one hundred Amish folks were living, farming, and building in the area. Many have now moved on, while a few remain in the township.

The Earnhart Hill Water District, Phase Three, started installing water lines through the township in 1991. Before then, water wells were dug by hand or motor driven rigs. Some of the wells dug by hand were dug by the hands of Digger Davey Patrick. He could tell wild stories, sing funny songs, dig ditches, graves, wells, and he loved to use explosives to blow holes, rocks and stumps.

-Submitted by Robert L. Bower

The Leistville Hotel and Tavern along Route 159, west of the Route 56 and Route 159 Intersection. The Nitroglycerin explosion of August 6, 1918, blew out all the windows in the hotel. The building was built in 1839. It was first owned and operated by Thomas Leist, until 1870. The building was taken down in the 1920's.



– Undertaker – Defenbaugh Funeral Parlor in Tarlton. Built by Peter Defenbaugh 1843. Stephen Defenbaugh on the left.

"Old Rosie" going through Tarlton, north along Sixteen Road.

The Bowes Covered Bridge at Laurelville, Ohio.

Scioto Township

On January 12, 1810, Scioto Township was formed from a part of Franklin County being bounded on the west and south by Darby Creek and on the east by the Scioto River. Later, Jackson Township was formed with Scioto contributing a portion of its territory to the new township. In 1830, Scioto gave up a considerable portion of land to Muhlenberg Township. In 1878, a portion of Darby Township was transferred to Scioto Township.

Scioto Township, located in the north central part of Pickaway County, is about seven miles long and from four to seven miles wide and contains 42 square miles. In 1830 there were 462 inhabitants and in 1870 the population was 1545.

Most of the land was in large tracts owned by non-residents for many years. Having no prairie land and being covered with a heavy growth of timber, its settlement suffered. Early settlers were mostly from Virginia and western Pennsylvania.

In 1856 a building was purchased by the territory of Scioto Township for use as a township house for the purpose of holding elections and for any other uses needed. Today, 2005, the building is now used as a restaurant and called the "Station House."

In 1871 the township and corporation bought a lot and erected a brick building at Commercial Point for township and corporation purposes. The first story was built by them and the second story was built by the Masonic fraternity to use as a lodge hall.

In the first years of the 19th century (1800-1808) early settlers were families of Thompson, Ballard, Fitzgerald, West, Williams, Widener and Williamson.

In 1829, Wiley Beckett came to Scioto Township and purchased land at $1.25 an acre. James Burnley arrived in 1833. In November of 1841 Beckett and Burnley decided to start a town. The two men could not decide on a name for the town – Mr. Beckett named his half Genoa and Mr. Burnley named his Rome. On March 21, 1851 a special act of the Ohio Legislature incorporated the town under the name of Genoa. It was not until 1872 when another special act by the Legislature incorporated the village as Commercial Point.

In 1842 Dr. Revnaugh settled in Genoa. Afterwards the first store was established in 1844 by Mr. Beckett and there followed a cobbler, blacksmith, wagon and cooper shop. At one time there were three saloons, a butcher shop, three general stores, Masonic and Odd Fellows Lodges and two churches.

The first school house and churches were log structures because the surrounding country was all forest. It is said that persons in the vicinity were buried in log coffins.

A Presbyterian Church was first in the village, organized in 1829 at the home of James Miller. A log church was built in 1835 and replaced by a frame building in 1857. One of the earlier preachers was the Rev. Thomas Woodrow Wilson, grandfather of President Woodrow Wilson.

The Methodist Church was organized between 1829 and 1834 and known as Point Pleasant Church. In 1834 a brick structure replaced the log church.

Orient was a station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the northwest corner of the township. The main businesses in Orient were the Grain Supply Company and Belt Manufacturing Corporation. *(Pic #4)* It was the location of the State Farm Mental Institution, the largest of its kind in the state. Located now outside of Orient are the Pickaway Correctional Institution, the Orient Correctional Institution, and Corrections Training Academy. These institutions are probably the largest employers in the area.

Two small settlements in the township were Matville (Jacktown) and Robtown. Businesses serving these settlements were a general store, several groceries, a gas station and a church.

The Teays Valley Local School District serves Scioto Township with an elementary school in Commercial Point and the middle and high school students attending school at Teays Valley Middle and Teays Valley High School buildings located on State Route 752 near Ashville, Ohio. The old elementary school in Orient, built about 1923, still stands and in 1992, the Hale Imaging Systems purchased the building for a business. The township is still mostly an agriculture community but many private homes are now being built.

The Scioto Township Service Center on Route 762 west was erected and occupied in 1997. Trustees today in 2005 are Joe Ehman, Keith E. Kauffeld, and Michael Struckman, with Vickie Fleming as clerk.

Every year for four days, the Men's Club sponsors the Commercial Point Homecoming Festival the second week in June. In year 2005 was the 78th annual event. Revenue helps benefit the scouts, little league and other organizations and needs in the community.

-Information compiled from articles written by Mark Phillips and Darlene Weaver

Scioto Elementary School – part of the Teays Valley Local School District.

Scioto Twp. Service Center

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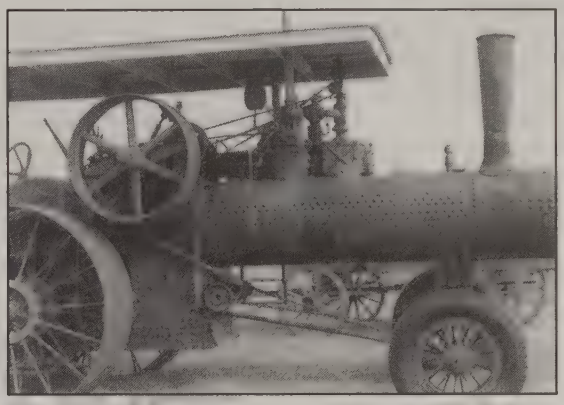


Steam Engine owned by Green Farms

Baltimore and Ohio railroad Bridge, Orient, OH.

Scioto Twp. Hall, VFW Post 4022, Commercial Point

Scioto Township Hall purchased in 1856. Today 2005 it is the Station house.

Walnut Township

The first settlement in the township was in 1797 or 1798, when William Williamson and his brothers, Cornelius and John, came from Hampshire County, Virginia. Other early settlers were Bucks, Martins, Crites, Wards, Morris', Longworths, and Hedges'. Others, were the Tallmans and Hookers from Pennsylvania, and the Hoovers from Virginia. Also, there were Duryea, Hott, Trone, Cromley, May, Snyder, Peters, Bell, Blue, Oman, Reber, and Westenhaver families.

The first burial place was in section 16. The first burial was for a child of Cornelius Williamson. Later, there were 12 small family burial plots in the township. In 1876, John Reber donated 32 acres in section 22 for a township cemetery. The first sextons were George Adkins and George Marion. Charles Trone was a sexton for many years in the 1900's.

Early township records (1829-1849) list the householders in each school district. These records are available at the Pickaway County Genealogical Library. In the 1870's and the early 1880's, each of the 11 school districts had a brick school.

- No. 1 was a short distance north of the intersection of Ringgold-Northern Road and St. Rt. 752. It no longer exists.
- No. 2, just north of the intersection of Winchester Road and St. Rt. 752, is now used as a private residence.
- No. 3, just north of the intersection of Walnut Creek Pike and St. Rt. 752, is also a private residence.
- No. 4 is on Ashville-Fairfield Road, midway between Walnut Creek Pike and Lockbourne-Eastern Road. It is also now a private residence.
- No. 5, at Nebraska no longer exists. Florence Brown and Kathryn (Cardwell) Reber were teachers there.
- No. 6, on Ringgold-Northern Road in Section 24, no longer exists. Joint No. 6 was built later at the corner of S. Bloomfield-Royalton Road and St. Rt. 674. It also accommodated students from a portion of Amanda Township in Fairfield County, and is used now as a residence.
- No. 7, located on St. Rt. 188 in Ringgold, was the only 2-room school of that period, and is now a residence. Peter Balthaser taught there.
- No. 8, at the intersection of Hagerty and Winchester Roads, no longer exists.
- No. 9 on Hagerty Road west of Walnut Creek Pike is now a private residence.
- No. 10 was at the intersection of Hagerty Road and St. Rt. 23 and no longer exists.

In 1921-22, a new consolidated school was built in section 22. Prior to 1922, there was no high school in the township. Walnut Township had 1/3 interest in the Ashville High School. There were some students from Walnut Township who attended high school there. The students' parents furnished transportation. Homer Reber, Nelle Oesterle and Martin Cromley graduated from Ashville High School.

Teays Valley High School was built in 1962. It was built at the northern edge of Ashville. The district included Walnut, Harrison and Scioto Townships.

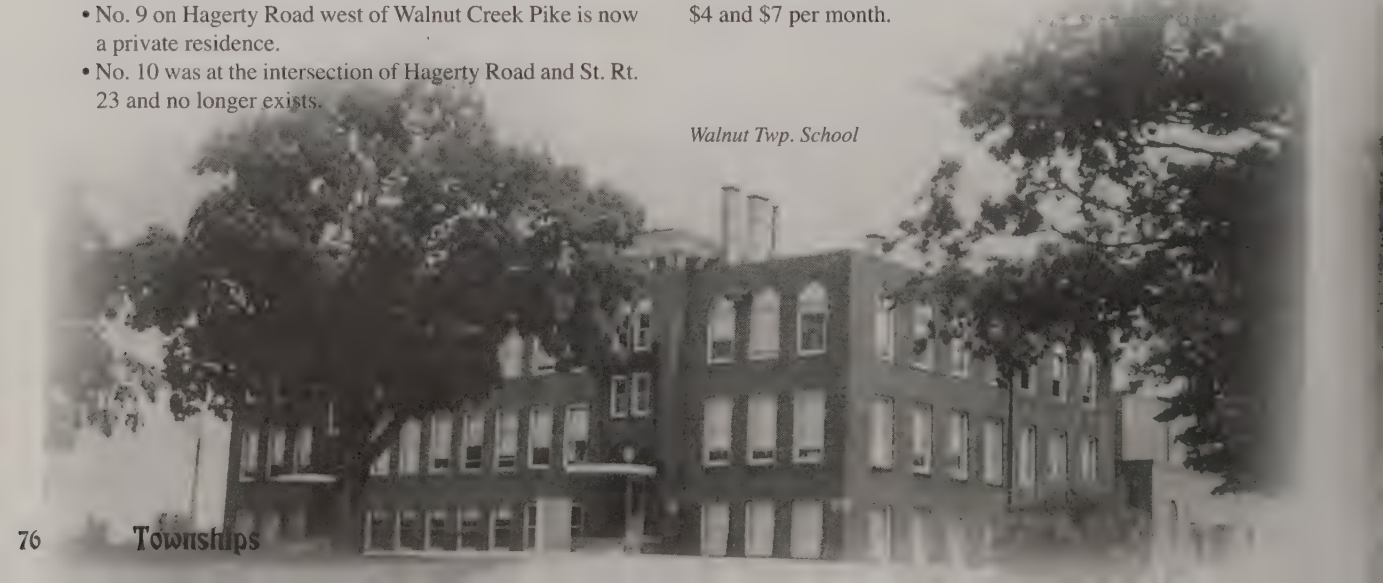
During the 1870's and later, there were post offices in Nebraska and Ringgold. In February, 1891, a new post office was established, named Walnut Post Office. Mr. Harvey O. Blue was appointed postmaster. The building was later used as a grocery/general store. A designated person picked up the mail and took it to his neighbors.

The grange built a hall in the 2nd story of the D.F. Weaver & Son store, in Nebraska in 1874. The first store was owned by Andrew Hedges. He was a postmaster, and it was known as the "Hedges Store". Mr. Hedges later moved to Iowa and was a postmaster in a little town there.

The very first store was started by Edward Kennedy in 1834, at what was later the Walnut Post Office. Later, J.E. Weiser had a store there with general merchandise of all kinds. Jonathon Brinker had an implement store at Brinker's Corner, in Section 9. David Davis was a wagonmaker in 1878, and later lived in section 14.

The township has always been primarily a farming area. Glenn Hay had a poultry farm from the 1930's through the 1980's. J. Wright Noecker supplied seed corn for the area farmers. In the past, there were probably two dozen dairy farms. Today, there is one. At the present time, the township is predominantly grain farming, and the township could be called "a bedroom community" as many resident commute to Columbus, Circleville and Chillicothe to their jobs.

There are two streams that run through the township – Walnut Creek and Turkey Run. Two covered bridges were torn down in the early 1970's. Three mounds near Ringgold are attributed to the mound builders. There were doctors in the township who had offices in their homes. In the 1890's dwellings (homes) rented for $4 and $7 per month.



Walnut Twp. School

Prior to the 1930's, all township roads were graveled. Township records of the 1870's show that farmers were paid $4 a day for a team, wagon, and driver, for hauling gravel to the roads. Laborers were paid $2.50 a day for shoveling gravel.

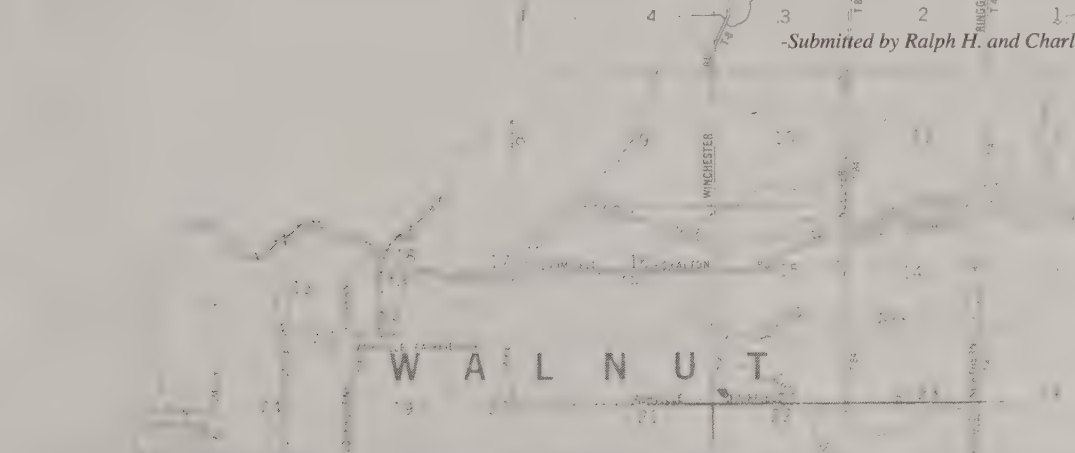
East Ringgold, an early platted settlement, is near the highest point in the county. At one time, there were four grocery/general stores in Ringgold, owned by John Barr, Rudolph Bowers, Frank Brown, and James Ward.

There were five blacksmith shops in the township. They were operated by Bill Eveland, Mr. Hutchinson, El. Longenbaugh, J. Longenbaugh and A. Young. There were three water-powered mills and one water-powered sawmill in the township. According to the "Brief History, 1844" during prohibition, there were more distilleries in Walnut Township than the rest of Pickaway County.

The Peerless steam engine in the picture owned by Frank Brinker was the largest engine at that time in Walnut Township. The thresher was owned by John Sark and Clayton Weaver. It was the first thresher in the area to have a straw blower on it. The late Alva Barringer of Tarlton used this engine to demonstrate this thresher on the farm of Ezra Hedges near Ashville. The straw blower was such a great improvement over the old slat stacker, which required up to four men on the straw pile, that farmers came from a large area to see the demonstration.

Mr. Barringer also used this engine to move the office building of Dr. George S. Courtright from the village of Lithopolis to his farm in Walnut Township. This trip down what is now State Route 674 took one week to complete. The office building is now the out kitchen on the Royce Woolever farm.

-Submitted by Ralph H. and Charlene D. Woolever



Information on threshing scene picture taken in Walnut Township in 1903. Location, back of home presently occupied by Wilson and Lois Ett on South Bloom field-Royal ton Road west of the Walnut Creek Pike. People in the picture; from left to right: Driver of water wagon - unidentified. Standing on water wagon - Samuel Brinker. Standing in coal wagon - Clara Sark -(later Mrs. Herbert Swayer); Rose Woolever - (later Mrs. Clarence Barnhart); Viola Woolever; fourth girl in coal wagon unidentified; Standing on back of engine - John Sark; Owner and operator of engine - Frank Brinker; Standing in front of coal wagon - Mrs. Markwood - mother of Mrs. John Sark; Mrs. Kashner - Mother of John Sark; Mrs. John Sark holding son Guy; Ella Haas; Mrs. Clayton Weaver holding daughter Mabel (later Mrs. Harold Pexton); Mrs. Root-wife of farm tenant; Standing at front of engine - J. Logan Woolever; next two men not identified; Clarence Barnhart on load of wheat at thresher; Mr. Roberts; Three of the four children were Root children; Mr. Root - tenant on farm; Leslie O. Woolever; Jake Miller; John Kaus - father of Mrs. Weaver; Claude Sark; Leonard Sark; Arthur Sark; On thresher - Jose Brinker; Clayton Weaver.

Washington Township

Washington Township is twenty-four square miles on the southeastern side of Pickaway County, it's eastern border being Fairfield County. Hargus Creek flows westerly through the northern third of the township; its main tributary, Hominy Creek, flows westerly through the southern half of the township.

Washington Township became subject to entry in 1801. The first permanent settlers, arriving in 1797, were John Anderson, his wife, ten children and step-son, David Culberson. David was a Methodist Episcopal minister and held early religious meetings in his cabin. Nicholas Miller arrived around the same time and established himself as a blacksmith. George Pontius and brother Conrad and their wives arrived in 1806. George built the first brick house in the township. In 1808, George Pontius, Sr. came to the township with the rest of his family and son-in-law Peter Row. Peter was a potter for a large part of his life. Between 1804 and 1806, George Hitler, Sr., brothers David and Andrew Leist, Christopher Earnest, George Hoffman and John Harmon located to Washington Township. Between 1810 and 1817, Jacob Spangler, William Bowman, Henry Dreisbach, Leonard Warner, John Metzger, George Wertman, Thomas Wells, John Stout, Francis Dedo, John Clark, Henry Sackreider, George Wise, John Gray and George Heise settled in the township.

Census data from 1840 noted 1194 people in the township. By 1900 there were 1050. The 1990 census lists 2951 people in Washington Township. The 2005 officers are Jim Lands, Gerald Wolford, Nelson Stevens – trustees; Karen Huffman, clerk.

The first church organized in Washington Township was Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Formed by a minister named Foster in 1808 or 1809, it's original meeting house was a two-story log building near the junction of Winstead and Ringgold Southern Roads. Zion also had the first cemetery in the township and the first burial was a child of Andrew Leist. St. Paul Evangelical Church was organized in 1830. The original 1849 structure was replaced in 1870 by the current brick building on Ringgold Southern Road. The Pontius United Brethren Church was also organized around 1830 and they erected a church building in 1848. It is located on Stoutsville Pike between Trimmer and Bolender-Pontius Roads. The Morris United Brethren Church was organized in 1842 on Tarlton Road on the south end of the township and the Bethany United Brethren Church was established in 1838 or 1839. The Bethany Church was built in 1874 near the junction of Stout and Ringgold Southern Roads. Each of these churches established cemeteries which remain today.

Cemeteries not associated with churches include: Griffith and Graffis Cemeteries in the northwestern corner near State Route 188; Leist Farm Cemetery at the southern end of Hargus Lake; Infirmary Cemetery near the junction of State Route 22 and Ringgold Southern Road; Stout Cemetery at the end of the eastern section of Winstead Road; Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery in the far southwestern corner of the township on Hitler Road No. 2.

The first school in the township was held in a cabin owned by George Hoffman, and later in a log house on Jacob Greenough's farm. By the 1850's, Washington Township had divided into six districts, building one-room brick schools. Washington High School, on Stoutsville Pike, opened for the 1917-1918 school year. Today this building houses one of the four elementary schools of Logan Elm School District.

At the corner of State Route 22 and Ringgold Southern Road, where Wintergreen Hills subdivision is located, stood the County Infirmary and Children's Home. This area was a farm owned by Christopher F. Branstadt. The commissioners bought this 256 acre property in 1868 for $18,000.00 The Infirmary was completed in 1873 and John and Elizabeth Morris were the first superintendent and matron. In 1906 the Infirmary housed 64 males and 25 females.

The Children's Home occupied the remodeled farm house until it burned down in 1897. The children moved into a building nearer the Infirmary, originally constructed for insane inmates. By 1905 a two story brick building was finished and George W. and Carrie T. Runkle, superintendent and matron, moved in with 44 children. The Children's Home closed in 1968, the Infirmary in 1965.

The Circleville Bible College is located on State Route 22 on the western side of the township. It originally began in 1948 as a Church of Christ in Christian Union School at the Mount of Praise Camp meeting grounds on East Ohio Street in Circleville.

Glick house on original site.

In 1966, under president Rev. Melvin Maxwell, The Mount of Praise Bible College was renamed and moved to its current location. Today, Circleville Bible College has 40 acres of campus and approximately 200 students.

Construction on the Hargus Creek dam began in 1948 between Bolender Pontius and Ringgold Southern Roads, with part of the lake covering Warner Huffer Road. In 1950 Hargus Creek Lake joined the Division of Parks and Recreation. The lake was renamed A.W. Marion State Park in 1962 for the Pickaway County native who was the first director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The Pickaway Country Club is member owned and opened in 1927 on Stoutsville Pike, east of Circleville city limits, as a nine hole golf course. Today it has an eighteen hole golf course, pool and clubhouse/restaurant. The current clubhouse replaced the older structure in the early 1990s.

There are several homes of note in the township. A two story brick Drovers house sat less than a quarter mile south of the railroad tracks on Ringgold Southern Road. The north and south sides of the house could only be accessed from the outside so the residents could offer rooms to drovers and other transients. It was demolished in the 1980s for safety reasons.

The Glick house was built around the turn of the century by the Asa B. Glick family. At the time it was considered one of the most affluent homes in the township. It featured pocket doors and beautiful wood paneling. Before it was completely finished, Mr. Glick died and the house became a rental. The John Bowers family acquired it in the late 1980s. It sat on the west side on Ringgold Suthern Road between Old Tarlton Pike and Tarlton Road. The Bowers moved it a few hundred yards south and to the east side of Ringgold Southern Road and restored it.

The core of the house that currently sits on the corner of Stoutsville Pike and Ringgold Southern Road is the original log cabin built in the late 1860s. Its original site was on the north side of the field where it currently sits. Using teams of horses, it was moved in the early 1900s to a spot across the creek and then several years later to its current location. In the 1950s a small general store was run from its premises.

-Submitted by Chris Minor

District No. 4, Washington School in 1912.

Washington District No. 2 School.

Washington District No. 6 School in 1914

Wayne Township

Wayne Township is and has always been primarily a rural farming community. Located in the mid-southern portion of Pickaway County, it is bordered by Ross County to the south, Deer Creek Township on the west, Jackson Township to the north and follows the winding Scioto River bank on the eastern edge. The smallest township in the county, it was formed in 1798 and named after General Anthony Wayne. The land first belonged to the Mound Builders. Their ancient works were used as burials and signal stations and are widely spread over the area along the Scioto River. Findings consist mostly of articles of pottery, implements, weapons and ornaments made of flint, bone, stone and shells. No wooden articles or items of dress have been found. The next to occupy the territory until 1797 were Indian tribes – chiefly Mingos (offshoot of Iroquois) and Shawnees of the Algonquins.

Unlike the early years, there are no villages or towns in Wayne Township. Children attend Circleville City Schools and there is no post office in the 26 square mile radius of the township.

The principal north-south road existed prior to 1802 when Wayne Township was actually known to be part of Ross County. However, it was in September of that year when the first survey for our present day State Route 104 was filed. Over the years, the road went by many names including the Chillicothe to Franklinton Road, Franklinton Turnpike and Chillicothe to Columbus Pike. The major east-west road through Wayne Township was the Washington Turnpike now known as U.S. Route 22.

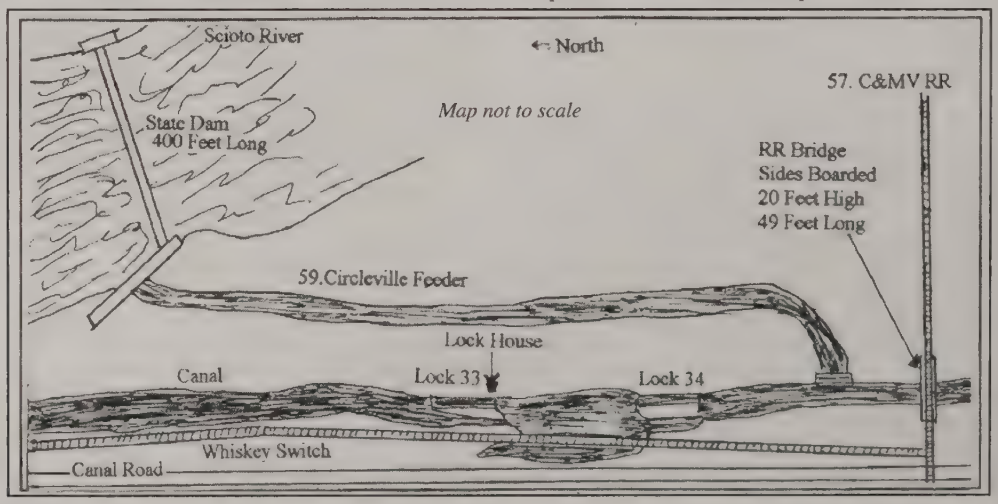
In 1798 Abel Westfall platted the first village in Pickaway County. His town, Westfall, "by the bend of the river" was the only settlement and was located near the site of the Indian Village of "Old Chillicothe". It was close to where the present day Canal Road, Sisk Road and State Route 104 meet. Settlers came and built homes and started businesses. William and Sarah Green King, Quakers, came from Bourbon County, Kentucky. They lived among the Indians without friction and raised 5 children. Dr. Potts and Dr. Park both practiced medicine, there was at least one general store, a carding business to prepare wool and a building with looms and other machinery to manufacture cloth. General John Morgan opened a hotel at Westfall and there were four known distilleries erected in the area. All lands on the west side of the river were granted by the Virginia Military District and owners cleared the forests and tilled the fields. They built log cabins as shelter from the weather and wild animals.

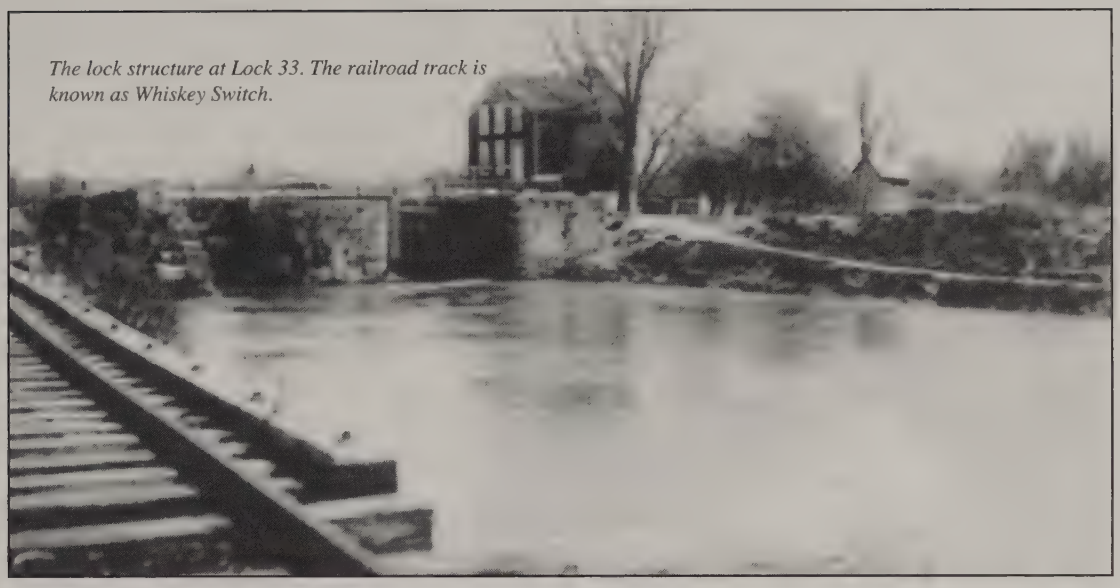
When digging for the Ohio and Erie Canal through the township began in 1825, other settlements appeared. There was Spunkeytown, in the northeast section, closest to the Scioto River aqueduct construction at Circleville. This encampment of families came to the area to work on the canal and at the two mills located there. Those thriving graineries were started by Henry Nevil and by the Foresman brothers, Philip and William. In 1835 the Ohio Legislature authorized a toll bridge to be built across the Scioto River, just north of the canal aqueduct. This bridge connected Circleville to Spunkeytown and Wayne Township. U.S. Routes 22 and 56 are the highway bridges at this site today.

Following the opening of the canal through the township, the village of Montgomery was laid out. There were 40 lots and 5 streets platted for the site, just half a mile south of Westfall. It was situated at the end of present day Hickory Bend Road (previously known as Kinderhook Road), between Route 104 and the canal and river banks at the location of today's capped landfill.

Another settlement came later with the advent of the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad. On each side of Route 138, where the railroad crossed, were several homes and at least two stores. Around 1855 it was a stop and/or drop off point for the U.S. Postal Service and became known as Wayne Station. This was discontinued in 1858.

The population of Wayne Township in 1830 was 959, but had dropped to 779 by 1840. Many settlers died of "Milk Fever", which resulted when they drank contaminated buttermilk. It seems the cows ate snake root plants, which did not effect the cow, but poisoned the humans who consumed their milk. People fled the area villages and the settlements were never successfully re-established. The old cemetery, on the west side of Route 104, is all that remains of Westfall. It is now known as the Wayne Township cemetery and is cared for by the local township trustees and clerk. Burials there date as early as 1806 and as recent as 1998. William and Sarah King, the first settlers, died in 1833 and 1836 and are buried there. A daughter, Jemima, married Titus Dungan of Virginia and located on Yellowbud Creek in the township. They are both buried on their farm. Other first families were: Owens, Kirkendall, Thompson, Warner, Fleming, Thomas, Brown and McCollisters. Other known burial grounds in the township include the Dungan; Terwilliger; Chipman; McAbe Farm; Campbell/Owens (also known as Canal





The lock structure at Lock 33. The railroad track is known as Whiskey Switch.

Road Cemetery) and Mueller Family plot. The Wayne Township House situated at 25218 State Route 104, directly across from the Wayne Township Cemetery, is used by the Trustees and Clerk for their monthly and special meetings. It is also used by the Pickaway County Board of Elections as the only precinct voting site in the township. Additionally, the Westfall Livestock 4-H Club, the oldest continuing club in Pickaway County, has met there for more than forty-five years.

The earliest school in Wayne Township was built in 1814 on the William Fleming farm. In 1817 a frame school was erected at Westfall and became known as Sub district #3. The brick Wayne Township School was eventually constructed on the same site, just behind the Township House. In 1958, township residents voted to turn the school and assets over to the Circleville City Schools and have their students bused to town for classes. The building was later purchased by the Pickaway County Commissioners for teaching special education to Brooks Yates School children. Following that school's relocation into town, the commissioners sold the building and land at public auction. The property is now owned by the River of Life Church.

Other township schools were Sub district #1, Owens School, located on the south side of Route 22, 1 mile east of Route 104; Sub district #2, Union Grove School, situated on the west side of Route 138 just south of the junction of Route 22; Sub district #4, Dungan School, originally built on Dungan Road, was rebuilt around the corner on Westfall Road where it still stands; Sub district #5, Ferguson School, a brick building now seen 1 _ miles west of 104 on the north side of Hickory Bend Road; and Sub district #6, Tootle School, converted to a home on the east side of Route 104 just one mile north of the Ross County line.

Religious worship was conducted in township homes until Union Chapel was completed in 1860. They were served by Methodist ministers coming from the Williamsport Circuit. There were 30 members with Terwilliger, Thompson, Alkire, Schryver and Hall as leaders. Residents of the southern area attended in Yellowbud.

In its day, the Ohio and Erie Canal was a blessing for the struggling farmers. Agriculture was the main business of the area. The canal gave interior farmers access to markets and to deliver needed goods. A huge warehouse had been built over the large marshalling yard (basin) at the intersection of our present Route 104 and Canal Road. During dry weather the pillars can still be seen there. Slightly east of the warehouse location was a major Scioto River ford. William King had established an early river ferry at that spot. After the construction of the canal, a swing bridge provided a crossing leading to the ford. The bridge was steel with wooden plank flooring known as the "dump" type, which also worked to provide a means for the farmers to load their grain onto "freighter" flat boats for shipment. Locals enjoyed recreational rides between the locks, they skated to Circleville when the canal iced over in the winter, some goods and mail were delivered ashore but most cargo floated by. In 1913 a major flood pushed this bridge downstream. It was not damaged, but was moved to Walnut Township. The cement abutments for that bridge are still visible today.

The school house still standing on the east side of SR, was constructed in 1891 by Willis Ater. It was known as the Tootle School and was subdistrict No. 6. Wayne Township. Carl Gearhart taught at this school.

Constant flooding and expensive upkeep caused the canals usefulness to be overtaken by the more modern railroad system. Just north and east of the form swing bridge site, the WPA built a dam across the defunct canal. Stones for this project were obtained from Canal Lock 33 near where the railroad crossed (known as Whiskey Switch). At the dam site, also bordering the Scioto River, a park with shelter house, bath house and restrooms was created. Later the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Division, established a parking area south of the dam. In recent years the Pickaway County Historical Soceity has taken over its care.

Economic struggles following World War I and the Great Depression again called for government action. There were small frame homes, and sizable two story barns built in Wayne Township for those who qualified. In addition to the buildings, they received 50 acres, a team of horses, five cows and 100 chickens. Many of these homes can still be seen in the area of Immell Road.

In the 1950's and 60's, there was an A&W Drive-In just west of the Scioto River bridge, where Route 56, Route 22, Mill and Canal Roads all meet. Patrons ordered from their vehicle through an outdoor speaker at each covered parking spot. Waitresses, sometimes on roller skates, delivered the order, which usually included A&W rootbeer in heavy glass, ice frosted mugs, on a tray that attached to one's auto window. In 1959, flood water nearly covered the roof of the restaurant, which is now a private residence.

A quarter of a mile west, Howard Thomas, at that time, had an airplane hanger and adjacent air strip to accommodate small planes. He also raised thousands of turkeys on his farm.

Hafed Murphy ran a gas station and restaurant at the intersection of Routes 104 and 22 in the 1940s and 50s. The building later housed many other tenants and businesses including Hutchinsons Hydraulics, Stonerocks Diner and Graves Restaurant and Carry-out. Today its Gibsons BP, Carry-out and Farm Market. In 1968 gas sold for 20 cents per gallon. A gallon of gas today costs as much as $2.40.

Another well know eatery in Wayne Township during the mid 20th century was Wardells Party House at 5198 U.S. Route 22. For more than 35 years, Dorothy Wardell Phelps served home-style meals and delicious cinnamon yeast rolls to groups in her converted home.

Tom Ebenhack, son of Emmett and Martha Hitler Ebenhack, is a township native. He graduated from Circleville High School in 1968. Following graduation from The Ohio State University, he opened his Veterinary office at the intersection of Routes 22 and 56, where his practice remains active.

Wayne Township today, as in the past, is probably best known for the many successful farmers and good neighbors who live and work there.

-Submitted by Locke Kline and Ruth Tootle

Tarlton School (Saltcreek Township)

Patrons – Churches

The Community United Methodist Church

Methodism in Circleville started in the early 1800's. Within a year after the establishment of Pickaway County in 1810, recognized Methodist itinerant preachers were first to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to those choosing this organized faith. The first class of eight (5 white women, 1 man, 2 black women) under the leadership of Judge McArthur met in private dwellings, a one-room schoolhouse, the new courthouse in the center of the circle and later relocated to the Circleville Academy for worship until 1830.

During those twenty years (1810-1830) most ministers were not ordained so they could not administer sacraments requiring the presiding elder of the district to visit periodically and growth was slow.

The Presbyterians had built and dedicated a church building in 1829 so the Methodists decided that they, too, must have a sanctuary. In 1830 they purchased lots 171 and 172 from Charles Shoemaker for $200 on the south side of Watt Street between Court and Pickaway Streets. This structure burned in 1851, presumably from a defective flue. Since the town was extending southward, the trustees sold the site of the destroyed church and bought a cheap, low-lying lot on the corner of Main and Pickaway Streets. They drained the pond and dug a shallow basement with an elevated foundation; thus there are steps to every entrance of the present church. This new church cost $12,000 but there was no money for a bell so a local business man, Mr. Frederick Cogswell, who was running for judge, promised a fine bell if the members of the church would vote for him. The plan worked and although the Presbyterians purchased a bell a few hundred pounds heavier, the Methodist bell can make the most noise!

This church building was ruled unsafe and was razed in 1908. The new and present building was erected, decorated and dedicated in 1910 at the cost of $142,500.

The parsonage was next door until 1957 when property was bought at 832 North Court Street. This served as the parsonage until 1972 when 346 Meadow Lane was purchased for the pastor's residence.

The title of the church was changed in 1939 as a result of a merger of the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches; we were henceforth known as The First Methodist Church of Circleville. In 1968 another step was taken toward unity of Protestant Christian Churches. Officials of the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist churches voted to merge. Four Methodist churches in Circleville had to find a new title and The First Methodist Church of Circleville became The Community United Methodist Church of Circleville as we are known at the turn of the century.

Membership grew and more educational facilities were needed so "WE BUILT ... FOR THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK" ... Neh. 4:6. The Christian Education Building was dedicated on May 17, 1970, cost was $211,717 and was paid off in five years. An Educational Assistant was hired to coordinate programs for all age levels and to establish a curriculum of study that would appeal to more youth. Capital improvements have been the parking lots, modern furnaces and air conditioning units and restoration and enhancement of the wonderful Bunn-Minnick organ.

Several church programs should be mentioned in the church history:

This is the present Community United Methodist sanctuary including the Educational Unit at the rear. The sanctuary was dedicated May 15, 1910; The Educational Unit was dedicated May 17, 1970

1. CHOIR an enduring strength of the worship service.
2. MEN'S BROTHERHOOD ... came and went, then returned as CUMEN
   EPWORTH LEAGUE ... came and went and returned as YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
   LADIES AID ... became WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, then WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE and is presently COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.
3. MRS. MARION'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS met from 1912 to 1994. After 20 years, no longer a Sunday School class, they continued to meet monthly for sixty more years, contributing 1 or 2 projects a year to Community United Methodist.
4. SCOUTING ... for both boys and girls started in the 1950's.
5. DRIVE-IN CHURCH at the outdoor theater was "come as you are" at 8:30 a.m. during August. It lasted for 9 seasons.
6. CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT ... annual home missions project.
7. COMMUNITY CARES ... a faith in action program which supplies a known need, comfort or friendly support.
8. EASTER LILY CROSS ... members provide a plant as a memorial or honorarium.
9. PUMPKIN SHOW FOOD KITCHEN AND BOOTH ... Average 700 fresh baked pumpkin pies each year.
10. RED CROSS utilizes our facilities to collect life-giving blood.
11. CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE on Christmas Eve entreats all to keep the real meaning in our hearts and celebrations.

There has been a general decline in membership since 1975 but our motto is still – "GROWING WITH CHRIST".

-Submitted by Ruth Tootle-

First English Lutheran Church

Continuing 123 years of service, First English Lutheran Church gives pastoral care to a congregation made up of Ashville and surrounding area residents. The first Lutheran services were held in Ashville in 1882 when the Reuben Smith family moved into the village of Ashville from their Madison Township farm and saw a need for a Lutheran church. Through the efforts of Smith and the Rev. J.L. Trauger from Capital University, occasional services began.

A small stand served as the pulpit and rough boards placed across old beer kegs provided seating for worship. The primitive services were first held over Samples Stable and Bridle Shop located on West Main Street. In 1885, Lutherans from St. Paul and East Ringgold began attending services in Ashville.

Needing a bigger place to worship, a hall was rented over a storeroom attached to the Hoffhines and Hoover Mercantile building on East Main Street. A lighting system was installed, chairs purchased and a rostrum build. The Rev. Trauger held evening services on a regular basis every two weeks. Communion was seldom offered and when offered was served only to church council members. A Sunday School was organized with Willis E. Hoover as superintendent. There was a membership of 20 people in January 1887. At this time the Rev. D.E. Snapp from St. Paul Lutheran Church organized a meeting to perfect a permanent congregation with elected officers. Along with his assignment at St. Paul, the Rev. Snapp became the first church pastor with 25 active members. The next goal was to have a church building in which to worship.

A building lot was bought at 94 Long Street and the church building was erected and completed in February of 1888 at a cost of $2,200. The building was dedicated on June 18, 1888. At this time the membership was 40. In 1894 the alley was cleaned and hitching racks were installed for horses.

In the summer of 1895 the present pulpit recess and choir area were added. In 1898 the Sunday School and social room were added. In 1900 the Beaver residence adjacent to the church was purchased for $1,200 and used as a parsonage. There were no church pews in the church for 20 years. The pews that are still being used were purchased in 1906 for $423.

In 1915 the congregation was accepted into the Joint Synod of the Lutheran Church of Ohio and became a part of sister congregations of St. Paul, Ringgold and Lockbourne Lutheran Churches. This synod was the forerunner of the American Lutheran Church (ALC).

In 1918, $10,000 was spent on memorial stained glass windows and other improvements. Additional memorial windows were installed in 1923. In the 1930's the name First English Evangelical Lutheran Church began appearing in the church records. In 1936 a bigger kitchen, restrooms and a new furnace were installed. In 1948 an electric organ was purchased to enhance worship services.

For several years Saturday night movies were open to the community and held in the social room of the church.

In 1973 the Messick property south of the church was purchased for $31,000. For the most part this property was rented until it was razed in July 2002 by former member Rob Bluck of Washington Court House.

In 1974 a digital computer organ was purchased and the old parsonage was converted to a church office and pastor's study.

In 2000 a large church sign was purchased and placed in the yard in front of the church. This sign replaced the lighted sign that was purchased and mounted on the church building in the middle 1940's/

First English Lutheran Church continues to serve the community with weekly church services and Sunday school classes. The Ashville Food Pantry operates out of the old parsonage under the direction of church member Kathryn Dum. A week-long Amazing Grace Day Camp is held each summer and is open to all area children many of whom are unchurched. Free meals and snacks are provided along with organized games and Bible study.

During the December 2004 Christmas ice storm, the church was open and used as a sanctuary for families without electricity. The current pastor is Grace Werzinske. Pastor Werzinske and her family live in the church parsonage on Glenn Road. The current parsonage was purchased by the church members in 1967.

-Submitted by Janet Lee Bluck

L to R: Pastor Grace Werzinske, Bishop Callon W. Hollway, Jr., Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod and Michael Ramey, church council president.

First English Luthern Church, 94 Long Street, Ashville, OH 43103

Good Sheperd United Methodist Church

1st. United Brethern Church, East Main Street built 1839

The First United Brethren in Christ Church of Circleville, Ohio had its beginnings in 1837. Regular services were held on alternate Sundays at the Court House which then stood in the center of the old circle, where Main and Court Streets cross. The Religious Telescope, a conference periodical, established on December 31, 1834, brought Rev. William Hanby to Circleville as treasurer and two years later was made editor. He pastored our church in 1838.

Our first church building was erected in 1839 and Rev. John Coons was the first pastor. In 1841 he was elected Bishop. Again Rev. William Hanby served in 1843 and was later elected Bishop. He was the father of Benjamin Hanby who wrote "Darling Nellie Gray." He was followed by David Edwards in 1844 who was elected Bishop at the age of thirty-three in 1849. The Religious Telescope was moved to the First United Brethren Church basement in 1845. It was moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1853. The equipment was transferred from Circleville to Columbus, Ohio by canal boat, from Columbus to Xenia by railroad, and from Xenia to Dayton by wagons.

April 27, 1880, a Women's Missionary Society was organized in our church with eleven charter members. The first girls' society was formed in our church in 1885 when Rev. A.E. Davis was pastor. The organization was known as the Gleaner's Band. The name was to be changed later to Otterbein Guild.

The old church was torn down and a new church was built April 1898, under the leadership of Rev. A.E. Wright (1893-1905).

A house east of the church was purchased for a parsonage and a house west of the church was purchased for a place for fellowship meetings in 1920, during the pastorate of Rev. A.B. Cox (1918-1920). Rev. Wright came back to the church he had built twenty-two years earlier and dedicated the newly purchased buildings. Quoting from an article written for the Religious Telescope by Mrs. Ralph Long, "Sunday, August 1, 1920, was a day of thanksgiving, praise, and last but not least, real sacrifice. Rev. Cox announced the debt all clear at the end of the day. Hearts were touched with the presence of God, who so wonderfully had blessed us that day."

The church celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in 1939 when Dr. T.C. Harper (1931-1939) was our pastor. March of that year we had a Homecoming and dedicated an electronic Orgatron organ to the glory of God.

Rev. Carl L. Wilson (1945-1954) was pastor when we became the First Evangelical United Brethren Church and a youth chorus was formed called Fidelis Chorus in 1946. The Christian Service Center was built in 1951. The chancel in the sanctuary was remodeled and new pulpit furniture was constructed. During this time our Sunday School Attendance reached a record 300 people and our church membership increased.

Rev. O.F. Gibbs (1954-1965), was pastor when the second floor of the Christian Service Center was completed. A new parsonage was purchased at 555 Ridgewood Drive, Circleville. The old parsonage was razed to make way for a parking lot.

The Rev. Eugene Flowers (1965-1976) was pastor when a new Allen organ was installed in 1968. We merged with the Methodist Church and became the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. Carillons were installed on the organ with memorial contributions in 1970.

Rev. Donald R. Yocum served our church from (1976-1983). His daughter Ruth, a nurse, went into the mission field in Bangladesh.

Pastor William Bauman (1983-1989) was pastor when a new parsonage was purchased at 537 Edgewood Drive and the building project to remodel the sanctuary and build onto the Christian Service Center was completed in 1970.

All stained glass windows in the sanctuary were repaired and storm windows installed in 1990, while Ernest Bein was Pastor (1989-1992)

Pastor McClellan Reed Nicholson (1992-1997) was a quiet well spoken person that delivered sermons with wit and humor.

Pastor Dennis Dinger (1997-2002) had inspiring sermons and very patriotic veterans services. A new keyboard and Allen organ were purchased in 2001.

May 18, 2003, we burnt the mortgage for the building and remodeling project started in 1986. We became debt free in 2003, while David Wilson was our Pastor (2002-2004).

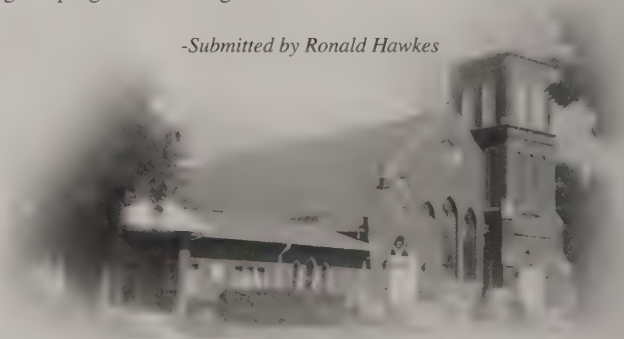
Pastor Roland G. Perkins came to Good Shepherd Church as a Ministerial Assistant in the summer of 1992. His tireless efforts to promote God's work is an inspiration to all who know him. We at Good Shepherd Church are extremely blessed to have Pastor Rollie.

Pastor Michael Messick's first Sunday to serve our church was July 4, 2004.

Some of the members that have gone into the ministry from our church are: Robert Gehres, Orin Baker, Ernest Seymour, Ewing Ross, Fred Brown, Emmitt Eccard, Branson Hawkes, Richard Thomas, Robert Thomas, Brian Meadows and Scott Watters. Some that entered the Mission Fields are Ruth Yocom, and Sharon and Wayne Hatfield.

We need to continue to put Christ First in our lives. As Mrs. Ralph Long concluded her article in 1920, "May God still continue to bless us and may we be willing and ready to do our part in the great program of saving souls."

-Submitted by Ronald Hawkes



Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, East Main Street built 2004

Hedges Chapel United Methodist Church

The Wesleyan movement, the United Brethren Church, and the Evangelical Association all had close ties. Philip Otterbein and Bishop Asbury were friends during early circuit days. There was a discussion on different occasions of the group joining into one union, but it was not until 1969 that we became the United Methodist Church.

The great founders of Methodism – John Wesley and his brother, Charles Wesley, came to Georgia in 1735 from England as missionaries and through the years, they and their fellow men spread the Word of the Bible. Methodism's symbol is the circuit preacher on horseback, with cloak trailing and saddlebags bulging with the printed word. Records show that by 1811, traveling preachers came to our area. It is a known fact that Bishop Asbury, himself, preached in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1803 at the cabin of Broad Cole, which was just 4 miles east of the spot where Hedges Chapel now stands.

The Methodist Episcopal Society was first organized in 1841. Locally, the first church was built in 1843, and was known as North Union, located on the Arthur Hines farm. Cyrus Hedges gave the ground and the first Hedges Chapel was built just south of the late Gilbert Humble's home, about 2 miles north of the present Hedges Chapel. In 1887, the ground was donated for the present chapel by Mrs. Joshua Hedges. Neighbors hauled the lumber, and the church was built in 1887. It was dedicated on Saturday, March 24, 1888 at an all-day meeting, and on Sunday, March 25, 1888, Rev. A.F. Hixon presided. In 1938, the earth was removed from under the church and soon a beautiful room was created. On Sunday, October 9, 1938 the basement was dedicated, with the Rev. Walter Peters, the presiding officer.

The Ladies Aid Association was organized before we had this church.

During World War II, 17 members of Hedges Chapel served in the armed forces of our country, and by God's grace, all returned home safely.

In 1959, Mrs. Anna M. Hedges offered the use of the land adjacent to the church property for a parking lot. Joseph Hedges, Mrs. Sarah Jane Gregory, and the late John C. Hedges are descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Hedges, as well as the grandchildren of Mrs. Anna M. Hedges.

Hedges Chapel was on the Ashville circuit, which consisted of Asbury, South Bloomfield, East Union, Hedges Chapel and Ashville. The circuit was split in 1895 with Ashville, Hedges Chapel, and East Union comprising the new circuit. In 1918, East Union disbanded leaving Ashville and Hedges Chapel to absorb their membership. In 1967, an educational annex was built onto the church with a Fellowship Hall, adjoining the kitchen. By this time, the additional space was needed, due to the increasing membership of all ages.

The church's emblem is "The Flame" which is the Holy Spirit coming down on the day of the Pentecost. It represents the tongues of fire.

Through the years, modern conveniences and many other improvements have been made. In 1982, the decision was made to hire a part-time secretary and establish an office. In 1984, after a period of discussion and planning, the Administrative Board voted to recommend to the congregation, that the Hedges Chapel church become a station church. It became a station church in 1986.

In 1986, a site for a parsonage was donated by Metta Mae Dill, in memory of Arthur and Dolly Sark. A financial drive was held and the goal was $40,000, which was raised the first Sunday of the campaign. The fund soon rose to$48,000. The Fellowship Class donated $5,000. A committee developed plans for the parsonage and it was built in 1987.

Over the years – since the 1930's – the church has met its responsibilities and mission giving through donations and the efforts of having a food booth at the Circleville Pumpkin Show. First, the women's society had charge, then the Booster Class, and finally the Fellowship Class.

Into the 21st century, the little white church on the corner of Winchester and South Bloomfield-Royalton Roads, is still serving a growing community as a generous, caring and God-loving family of worshipers.

The Reverend Aaron Brown is our present pastor.

-Submitted by
Charlene D. Woolever

Hopewell United Methodist Church

Ohio was a newly formed state when the Hopewell United Methodist Church was established along the Pickaway and Franklin County line. In 1804 Ezekiel Groom and his family moved from Hampshire County, Virginia, to central Ohio, and built a cabin on the Walnut Creek Pike.

Being a Methodist in their former home, Groom sought other Methodists in the area. Nine miles south of the present town of South Bloomfield he found a settler by the name of Bishop, who had also been a Methodist in Virginia. The two friends set out one Sunday to follow a report of kindred souls in the To-Be-Town (Toby Town, now known as Royalton). There they met two men, Broad Cole and Jeremiah Williams. They too were Methodists, and were very properly going to a class meeting and took Groom and Bishop with them.

Brother Groom decided to attend services regularly and reasoned there must be a nearer way than the 18 mile route by which they had traveled. In the company of neighbor William Bush, he set out to find it. They went to an Indian camp and asked Billy Wyandotte, an old Indian, the distance to Toby Town. The Indian showed eight fingers meaning eight miles. Billy was employed to pilot them through the forest. Bush and the Indian took their guns. Groom took his axe and blazed the way, scoring the trees to mark the way home. Thus the first Methodists in this community made their short cut to the class meeting.

In 1805 Rev. Quinn, pastor at Toby Town, organized the Hopewell Society at the cabin of Ezekiel Groom. The initial group was called the Groom Class and was composed of nine members; Ezekiel Groom and wife Rhoda; their two daughters, Mary and Sarah; William Bush and wife, Nancy; and Nancy Burton and her two daughters, Lucy and Betsy. Why the name Hopewell was chosen is not certain and no reference has been located that states the reason. However, Rev. John C. Jackson in J.I. Tyler's book called the area "one of the garden –spots of the world." The fact that the Hopewell Society is celebrating 200 years this year gives further testament to that claim.

The first church structure was built around 1819 near where the old cemetery is located, about a half mile upstream along the Walnut Creek on property sold to the society by Ezekiel Groom and wife Rhoda, for $20 in specie. The deed was transferred to Charles Rarey, Alexander Cameron, and Adam Hively of Franklin County, and to Shaderach Cole, William Brown, Daniel Rainier, and David Morris of Pickaway County, as trustees.

In 1844, soon after the new London Lancaster Road was constructed, a new church was built on its present location. Although, it has been moved and remodeled several times, it is still the place of worship for the people of Hopewell.

In 1912, the building was moved to accommodate a road-straightening program and the replacement of the covered bridge which had collapsed. At that time a basement was added. During the period from the 30s through the 60s, many improvements were made to the church building to make it a more pleasant place of worship. Much of the work was done by members of the congregation. The Ladies Aid Society raised money through dinners and other fund raising projects to pay for some of the improvements.

In May 1970, ground was broken for the new addition to the church-building, the most ambitious project since the original structure was built. The addition included a basement; it provided an additional 2300 square feet of floor space that is used for eight classrooms, two restrooms, and a utility room.

The Hopewell Society founded in 1805 later became known as the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1939, due to the union with the Southern Methodist Church, the name was changed to Hopewell Methodist Church. In April, 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Churches merged and the name became Hopewell United Methodist Church.

The Hopewell united Methodist Church, 4348 London Lancaster Rd., Groveport, Ohio, 43125, is an incorporated body. The minutes of the organization for March 6, 1963, read as follows: "William C. Moody, Howard Fridley and James White are the officers of the newly incorporated Hopewell Methodist Church, a non-profit organization. Louis Hilbert is the agent; William O. Huston, RFD 1, Ashville, Ohio, filed the incorporation papers."

A comprehensive history of the church was written in 2005, celebrating the church's 200 year anniversary. A copy is available for review at the Pickaway County Genealogy Society, Groveport Historical Society, and the Ashville Area Heritage Society.

–Submitted bu Lisa K. Coon

Presbyterianism in Circleville

1822-2005

In April, 1822, the newly formed Circleville Presbyterian congregation became part of the Columbus Presbytery. With 22 members, Circleville's Presbyterians combined with Kingston to call a pastor. In September, the Rev. William Burton was installed as pastor of the two churches at the octagonal courthouse in the center of the Circle. In 1826, a meeting house was begun on the site of the present building. Completed in 1828, this was Circleville's first church edifice.

The first two pastors, Mr. Burton and Franklin Putnam, were of the Congregationalist tradition. Thus, when the national church split, in 1838, over doctrinal and denominational issues, the majority in Circleville joined the New School faction, which favored ecumenical ties with the Congregationalists and opposed slavery. Shortly thereafter a minority formed an Old School congregation. For over forty years the two churches remained separate. The New School church on Mound Street was First Presbyterian; the Old School church on East Main was Central Presbyterian.

In 1843, First Church called Dr. James Edwards Rowland as its pastor. He began his career as a physician and Circleville was his only church. He served here until his death of consumption at the age of 40. A new church was being constructed when he died and he was buried beneath its tower. His remains still rest under the present church tower.

During the last years of their separate existence, Samuel McMullin pastored First and William MacMillan, Central. Only Presbyterians could distinguish which was which and they often received one another's mail. By then the national churches had reunited and, in 1882, the Circleville churches did likewise. They returned to the Mound Street site and Central was sold to the Baptists.

Reunited under Dr. James P. Stratton, the church flourished for fourteen years. Dr. Stratton supported the ecumenical Christian Endeavor movement for church youth. His successor, Frederic Bullard, supervised the construction of a new building. Dedicated in 1901, it has served the congregation with modifications and additions ever since. Designed by Circleville-born Charles Stribling, it contains three outstanding windows by another Circleville native, Marion Darst.

Since 1902, the Circleville Presbyterians have been served by ten regular pastors and two interims. Dr. David S. Tappan was installed in 1902, having come to Circleville from Oxford, Ohio, where he had served as president of Miami University. In 1914, Cyrus Boyd Beckes became pastor and, in 1920, Floyd Emerson Logee. During Mr. Logee's pastorate, the church celebrated its centennial. At that time there were 450 members.

In 1926, Emil S. Toensmeier came to the local pulpit. During his pastorate the national church was wracked by the Fundamentalist Controversy. At the same time, the nation was shattered by the Great Depression. Mr. Toensmeier's pastorate also saw the installation of the Ruggles Memorial Organ.

In 1937, Mr. Toensmeier retired and was replaced by Robert T. Kelsey, an enthusiastic young man who rejuvenated the youth program. His five years as pastor marked an important turning point.

Carl L. Kennedy's brief pastorate (1943-46) continued the important work with the youth of the church. His sudden death in September, 1946, was a terrible shock to the congregation.

The arrival of the Rev. Donald E. Mitchell in 1946 led to the adoption of the Christian Faith and Life Curriculum and the Westminster Fellowship for the youth. He was also a founder of the Lowery Lane Mission. Ecumenical activities continued under Henry A. Walters (1961-77) who helped establish the annual Preaching Mission. He also led the effort to build the Christian Education wing and encouraged the "Around the Cross" group.

Edward Clydesdale (1977-82) involved the people in the CROP Walk and the inter-church Lenten Services.

The present pastor, William Morris Campbell, has continued to encourage ecumenical activities. His 23-year pastorate is the longest in the church's 200-year history. Under his leadership the congregation is engaged in an expansion program which will provide a viable facility to begin its third century.

Organists of the last century had been Edward Wittich, Abbe Mills Clarke, Margarette Huston Burkhardt and L. J. (Jack) Mader. A few other significant lay persons of the century were: George Grand-Girard, Melissa Colville, Annette Will, Ed and Edith Grigg, George Foresman and Carrie Olds Kindler. Mrs. Kindler's death at 104, in 1982, ended a continuous membership of 91 years.

Many other important lay persons have been faithful leaders and followers over the last two centuries. As in the past, our present members and leaders face the future with Faith, Hope and Love.

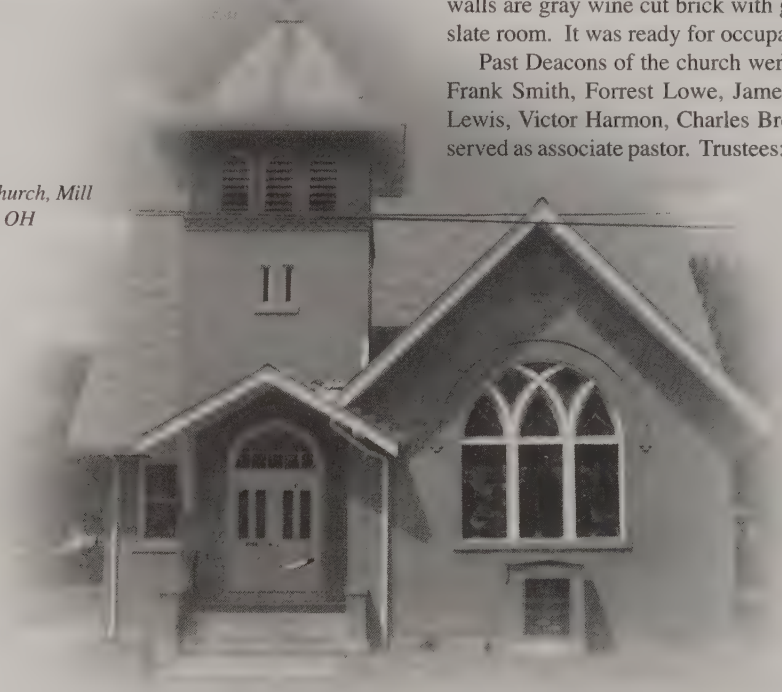
Three 20th century pastors and their wives; Mary Jo and the Rev. Robert Kelsey, Gwen and the Rev. Donald Mitchell, Velma and the Rev. Henry Walters.

Sketch of the Presbyterian Church with its projected addition 2005

Second Baptist Church

Second Baptist Church was organized in 1856 by Rev. William Norman with communion members: Lucy Winter, Enoch Weaver, Sarah Holinsworth, Miss Amelia Harris, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Elizabeth Douglas and Mr. and Mrs. James Wright. Sometimes their meetings were held in homes. Before the first year had ended they had purchased a lot for the church with a dwelling house on it. It was used for their religious services until 1869, when the cornerstone of the present structure was laid. The lot was located on Canal and Mill Street. It was bought for $600.00 and was paid for at the end of the fourth year.

The present brick structure, which was built in 1869, cost $4,500.00, but this debt was also cleared away at the end of the fourth year. The site of the church was changed in the near future because of the plans for a double tracking railroad in the immediate vicinity.



Second Baptist Church, Mill Street, Circleville, OH

The present Second Baptist Church Building Cornerstone was laid on Sunday afternoon, October 8, 1911 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. J. Wesley Carter of Chillicothe, Ohio delivered the sermon. The services were under the supervision of Pickaway Lodge Knights of Pythias with L.O. Harris, master of ceremonies, Rev. B.J. Shadd of Gallipolis and Rev. L.W. White of the A.M.E. Church, Circleville, Ohio, assisting. L.O. Harris, D.D.G.C.J., K of P Lodge, assisted in the exercises of laying the cornerstone, a box containing a roster of the officers of the church, the day's programs, copies of the daily Union Herald and the Circleville Herald and a silver dollar were placed in the cornerstone by L.O. Harris. The official board at that time consisted of Deacons: Mathew May, Everett Johnson, W.A. Jones, Michael Reed, Joseph Thomas, Jacob and Edward Redman.

The building was a one story with a thirty-five foot tower. The walls are gray wine cut brick with gray stone trimming and has a slate room. It was ready for occupancy January 1, 1912.

Past Deacons of the church were: John Phifer, Charles Byrd, Frank Smith, Forrest Lowe, James Scott, W.A. Jones, Elwood Lewis, Victor Harmon, Charles Breath, Carl Smith. Rev. Smith served as associate pastor. Trustees: John Lewis Sr., Walter Jones, Melvin Morrison Sr., Herbert Viney, Allen Gibbs, Fred Scott, John Lewis Jr., Melvin Morrison Jr., Frank Davis, Howard Fletcher, Patrick Turner, Delinda Smith, John McNair, Charles Smith and Jack Smith.

Since the labors of the Rev. William Norman, Rev. Cox, and Rev. Boone in the organization of the church, the church has been served by the following Ministers: Rev. Grayson Jones, Elder Day, Jim Springfield, Jessie Meeks, Andrew Hunt, William Norman, Second Term, Andrew Hunt, Second Term, Wallace Shildon, J.L. Murray, R.D. Grant, Rev. Meritt, Thomas Coleman, Samuel Brown, Rev. Gillman, J.A. Brooks, J.T. Stewart, G. Jordan, Rev. Reed, Rev. Rolliver, C.L. Thomas, Rev. H. Wingo, J.H. Boyd, T.W. Brown, O.H. Miller, Rev. Stephen Bates, C.L. Willis, and Rev. Otis Crowder.

Deacons were: Jonas, Wyatt, J. Thomas, M. Reed, J. Redman and W.A. Jones. Trustees were: Ed Cooper, Thornton Green and Frank Lewis. Superintendent of the Sunday School was Mrs. Henrietta Green.

Now serving as Pastor and Shepherd of the flock is Rev. James Lewis. He has been serving Second Baptist for 25 years. Under his leadership we have come a long way with the Lord as our guide and much prayer. Present Officers in Deacons: Emmitt Dade, Robert Jones; Trustees: Ronnie Smith, Gary Phifer; Clerk: Charlotte Hill; Asst. Clerk: Emmitt Dade; Treasurer: Charlmel Simmons; Asst. Treasurer: Paul Hill; Corresponding Secretary: Charlotte Hill.

-Submitted by Charlotte Hill

Scioto Chapel United Methodist Church

Scioto Chapel United Methodist Church, Robtown, Ohio was the outgrowth of circuit riders of the Winchester District in 1843 when a Class of United Brethren was organized by Reverend George Hathaway in Scioto Township. Meetings were held in homes including Jacob Stiverson and Luke Wilkin until an old log school house built in 1822 on the Luke Wilkin's property on Westford Road became available. It was moved to Yankee Street (St. Rt. 316) at Robtown sometime around 1847 and used for a church until 1875 when the present edifice was built at an approximate cost of $1000. David and Susan Robison, whose family gave the name to Robtown, deeded one half acre of land to the trustees: Isaac Plumer, Jesse Payne and Elias Hall in 1847. Other early Church families included Robison, West, Hott, Hoover, Prindle, Galbreath and Row. In new articles of 1879, the town correspondent reported that some "village rowdies" burned the old log building which had been left standing in front of the newly built church.

The Church was served by minister of the Walnut Circuit. Some early pastors, prior to 1880 were Isaac Kretzenger, Elias Vandemark, Joseph Hoffines, Daniel Bonebrake and William Fisher. According to an early Discipline, the circuit riders were not to take offerings of money, but the Church was obligated to feed the preacher and provide for his horse. With the incorporation of Ashville in 1880, a new U.B. Church was built, Rehobeth Church closed and their members transferred to the Ashville Church. The circuit became Ashville (now Ashville Zion) and Scioto Chapel remained as a charge until 1985.

Other recognized ministers included William Joseph Davis (3 appointments 1880-1882, 1896-1899 and 1904), Porter E. Wright (1912-1917), and Delbert S. Mills (1920-1924).

Probably due to the Mennonite influence among the early United Brethren, there was an aversion to bells and keeping membership rolls. It was 1915 when a bell tower was built and a bell placed using trusses from the South Bloomfield bridge washing out in the flood of 1913 and ropes to slide it into place in the tower. A Ladies Aid was organized in May of 1916 and continued until 1989.

Scioto Chapel United Methodist Church and Fellowship hall – reprint fron 100th Anniversary program of 1943.

Sunday Schools were organized separately and probably were not a part of the Church's early years. The first record of a Sunday School Superintendent was James Blacker in 1878. Two annual Scioto Township Sunday School Institutes were held at Robtown in the 1920's as part of the Pickaway County interdenominational organization. The all-day programs of local and visiting speakers focused on Sunday School growth and training teachers. The county Sunday School superintendent, Miss Emma Gibson, conducted as least 3 teachers' training classes at Robtown ca. 1916-20.

A community building was erected east of the church in 1939 for class room and social activities. The new addition also provided needed space for the well-attended annual turkey suppers. It was later divided into 2 class rooms and one became the pastor's office after the Church had its own minister in 1985.

The Church acquired the McBee store property of 1.09 acres in 1977 adding parking space. In 2000 the Church purchased 3.43 acres of the adjoining Wooten property to the west. The lower level of the house-annex is used for Sunday School rooms and the basement for clothing, etc. as a Helping Hands store for the community's needs.

The current membership in 2004 is 100 and the pastor is Delmer Dodrill. Officers serving the Church are: Trustees – Virgil Fausnaugh, Jim Fausnaugh, Betty Fisher, Charles Johnson and Almeda Prince; Council Chariman and Lay Leader – Perry Fausnaugh; Secretary – Lisa Cotner; Treasurer – Sandy Fausnaugh; Financial Secretary – Alice Johnson; Finance Committee Chairman – Carl Steck; Education Chairmen – Phyllis Dodrill; Worship Chairman – Jodi Hastings; Outreach Ministries Leader – Virgil Fausnaugh; Witness Ministries Leader – Mary Ellen Downs; and Women's Christian Fellowship, President – Kaye Hott.

There is a very faithful choir of 8-10 members that enhance the Sunday services and a contemporary worship service is held one Sunday a month. A drama team of fun-loving characters perform a program about once a year and add their special touch to the Vacation Bible School programs each summer.

The Church remains sensitive to the community, helping families throughout the year. Homemade noodle sales help provide funds for these needs. In support of the agricultural community, the Church held its first "Bless the Farmers Sunday" in March, 2004 and received notoriety in the Central and Southeastern Ohio news media. The event will hopefully become an annual affair.

-Submitted by Mary Ellen Downs

Scioto Chapel United Methodist Church- S.R. 316, Ashville, OH. Annex to far tight of photo purchased 2000.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

This is the second church of St. Joseph Parish. It was made of brick, started in 1866, completed in 1868. The lot for this church was on the corner of West Mound Street and God's Alley. (Photo taken 1868).

The beginnings of Catholicism and the establishment of St. Joseph Parish in Circleville go back to the arrival of John McLean in 1836. In 1840, the Riley family and others of the McLean family settled in the town. A number of our pioneer Catholics were German: the Miller brothers, the Snyders, the Bayers, the Smiths, to name a few. The construction of the Zanesville and Maysville turnpike brought many Catholic laborers to the county.

The first Mass was celebrated in Circleville in 1840 in the home of Mrs. Turner who was Protestant. A priest from the Columbus area ministered to the needs of the parish during the 1840's.

Due to the influx of Catholics to the area it was necessary to purchase land for a new church. The ground purchased in 1844 was part of the old circle, thus St. Joseph's was truly part of the original Circleville. In 1848 a small frame building, already built was moved onto the property on East Franklin Street directly north of the Presbyterian Church. It served as the first place of worship. In 1854, a red brick rectory was built beside the church and it was used for about twenty years. Both were sold in 1870.

As the parish continued to thrive it was once again necessary to acquire land for a new church. This time a lot was donated and two were purchased on West Mound Street. The new brick church was dedicated in 1868. A brick rectory was also built and finished in 1873 at the urging of church members for the current pastor.

In 1874 a strip of land, containing six acres laying on North Court Street, nearly opposite Forest Cemetery, was purchased and in 1878 it was consecrated as a cemetery. Prior to the purchase of this property, Catholics had been buried in the old High Street and Forest Cemeteries. Since the new cemetery proved to be quite swampy, and unfit for burials, a new tract of land comprising nineteen acres which adjoined Forest Cemetery on the north, was purchased in 1892. All bodies that had been buried in the first cemetery were soon reburied in the new one.

The first Catholic school was held as early as 1856 for a short period of time. From 1865 to 1869 a school was established, the sessions being held in the kitchen of the rectory on Franklin Street. Work was begun in 1885 on a new school building and it was dedicated in 1886. The Sisters of Charity for Nazareth, Kentucky staffed the school. The school closed due to declining enrollment in 1926. Religious education and First Communion Preparation continued with the help of parishioners. Looking ahead, the school reopened in 1953 and was staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph, Baden, Pennsylvania and lay teachers. In 1970 the Sisters were removed from the parish, which resulted in the closing of the school.

In 1901 plans were made to build a new church. Many activities took place in order to raise the funds needed. After the brick church was demolished that same year, masses were celebrated in the chapel of the school. The cornerstone was laid on April 10, 1910. That same year the bells were blessed and consecrated. The stone church was dedicated in 1911. A splendid new parish rectory was built in 1924.

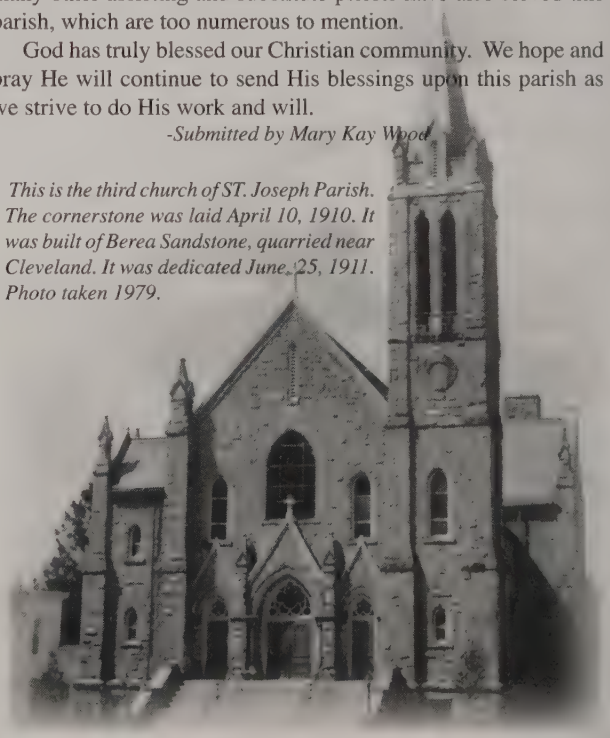
As the years continued, work was started on the school building, which lasted for several years. Altar-Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus were begun as well as CYO. Religious education classes were started for our children. Extensive work was done on the cemetery. Parish Council was formed. Liturgical and funeral choirs were organized. A new organ was installed. Stations of the Cross were erected at the cemetery. Major changes occurred to the interior of the church during renovation. Communion was provided to the shut-ins, hospitalized and nursing homes weekly. The Blessed Sacrament was moved to a special sanctuary. The Renew or faith-sharing program began as well as Adult Sunday School. A new access ramp was build; out church hall was renovated as well as the rectory.

The priests who served our parish were: Rev. Fathers P. Tschieder, DeHope, Michael Ford, Nicholas Thisse, John Duffy, Edward Fitzgerald, Christopher Pindar, Sergius Stchoulepnikoff, A.M. Mazeau, D.B. Cull, A.O. Walker, M.M. Meara, Charles Watterson, John S. Hannan, Joseph Herman, Edward Reidy, George Mason, Joseph McGlynn, George Buchmann, David Petry, Frank Meagher, Robert Reilly, and at present Stephen L. Krile. Through the years many other assisting and substitute priests have also served this parish, which are too numerous to mention.

God has truly blessed our Christian community. We hope and pray He will continue to send His blessings upon this parish as we strive to do His work and will.

-Submitted by Mary Kay Wood

This is the third church of ST. Joseph Parish. The cornerstone was laid April 10, 1910. It was built of Berea Sandstone, quarried near Cleveland. It was dedicated June 25, 1911. Photo taken 1979.



St. Paul United Methodist Church

In 2005, St. Paul United Methodist Church on Ringgold Southern Road, east of Circleville, is celebrating 135 years in the present brick building. The church began as the Evangelical Church with meetings in the barns of Henry Dreisbach and John Moyer around 1817 to 1821. The new church grew as families such as Leist, Heffner, Walkey, Johnson and Bolender joined the young congregation. A frame church was built in 1849 just south of the present one. It was dedicated on December 23, 1849, by Presiding Elder J.G. Zinser and named Evangelical Church. Rev. A. E. Dreisbach and Rev. Henry Downey were the first pastors. A few years after the church was built a railroad was laid out in this section which passed within a few feet of the church. Thus the name "Railroad Church" came into being. Another name was "Bull's Head Church." The name originated in 1855 when the first trains began to run. One of the stories explaining the name was that a bull, pasturing in the vicinity of the church, became enraged at the engine and rushed it, crushing its head against the "steel horse".

The frame church served the community for 21 years and then was replaced by the present brick church in 1870 at a cost of $3,100 and dedicated January 15, 1871. Rev. E.C. Turner was the first minister. The name St. Paul was given to the church. Soon after the brick church was built, a cemetery was laid out behind the church.

The church was part of the Lancaster Circuit which included parts of Ross, Hocking and Pickaway Counties. In 1909 it was changed to the Stoutsville Circuit with four churches: St. Paul, St. John, Ebenezer and Pleasantview. In the early 1920's Ebenezer Church closed. The St. Paul Church congregation added a vestibule to the church in 1920. The Evangelical Church merged with the United Brethren Church in 1947 and St. Paul congregation became Evangelical United Brethren. A new educational unit was built by members of the church in 1954 and dedicated by Rev. E.E. Nietz. It was built at a cost of approximately $9,000. Stain glass windows were donated by organizations and memorials were added. The first organ was purchased in 1958.

The Adult Fellowship of the church began in 1945. The group was responsible for conducting a food booth at the Circleville Pumpkin Show for many years. Proceeds helped pay for the educational unit of the church and the purchase of the first organ.

In 1966 the St. Paul Church was part of a three-church circuit which included St. Paul, St. John and Fairview. In 1968 the E.U.B. Church merged with the Methodist Church becoming United Methodists. The education unit was expanded in the 1970's, a P.A. system was added to the sanctuary and the carpeting was again replaced. In January 1982, a disaster was narrowly averted when a fire was discovered in the basement under the brick church. A malfunctioning furnace had sent a flow of fuel onto the floor where it was smoldering and sending black smoke into the upper rooms.

The people of St. Paul realized a dream in 1995 when the June Conference of the West Ohio United Methodist Church recognized St. Paul as a station church and appointed William Tardy as pastor.

The membership of St. Paul realized another dream in 2004. The 1954 educational unit has been replaced with a 6400 square foot single level floor plan including 8 classrooms, a modern kitchen, and a large fellowship hall built at a cost of $550,000. The building was dedicated by Pastor William Tardy in January 2005. The members of St. Paul hope to use this expanded gathering place with open hearts, open minds and open doors for the community.

The building at St. Paul is important, but even more so is the 180 some years of continued Christian worship, Bible study, missionary efforts, and the impact this church has had on its community and beyond. God grant that this work continues to be productive in the years ahead.

– Submitted by Jeanie Lands

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

On May 26, 1817 St. Philip's Episcopal Church was organized following Divine Services performed in Circleville, Ohio by the Rev. Philander Chase of Hartford, Connecticut. During the next decade, the people of St. Philip's met in the city's original, octagonal courthouse and were served by a series of supply priests.

St. Philip's first building was erected in 1834 on Lot No. 101 "on the mound," part of the ancient Adena earthworks. The parish was served during the 1830's by a priest from Fr. Rogers' former parishioners in Lacock, Wilts, England to be used for the purchase of communion silver. Today the "Rogers" communion silver is still used on certain occasions throughout the year. During the early years of the parish, the way of funding the church's ministries was by renting pews, which was a common practice in the Colonial and Victorian eras. Parishioners selected which pew they desired to sit in and "rented it" by paying a sum appointed by the vestry. Interestingly enough, the most expensive pews were those located at the front of the church, which were rented for the price of $280 per year. The pews located at the rear of the church were for a mere $12 per year. Numbers still remain attached to the end of each pew event though pew rental is no longer practiced.

By 1846 members of the parish were planning the possible purchase of land for a new church or rectory. In 1859, a house on the corner of South Washington Street and East Franklin Street (No. 239 E. Franklin) Circleville, Ohio, was purchased as St. Philip's first rectory. In 1860, plans to build a new church were revisited. Another building campaign was launched, and in 1866, the old structure was razed and work on the present church began. The Lutheran congregation purchased the salvage materials from the old building including the bell, but excluding the organ and furniture. According to church records, while the new church was being built, Episcopalians worshipped in "the little Baptist Church on South Court Street opposite the school building." The new St. Philip's Church was built for $15,000 and was consecrated on April 23, 1868.

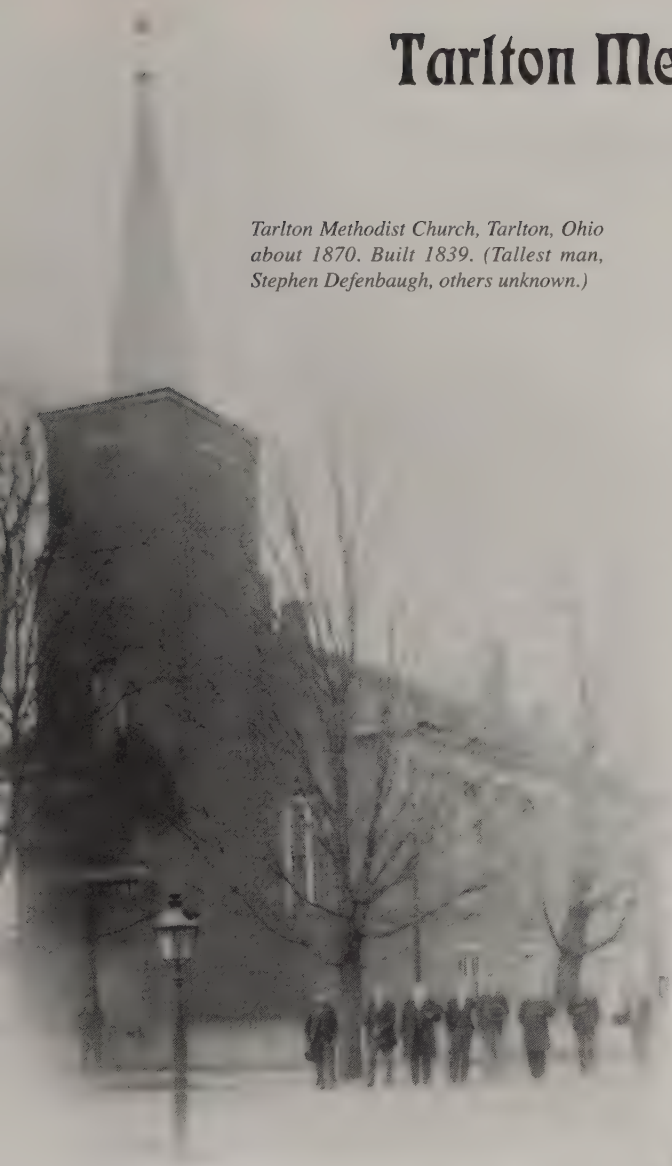
The building's configuration has seen few changes over the years and still retains its gas light fixtures and walnut pews. The original pipe organ was located in the gallery and later moved down on the nave level. A larger organ was installed in the reconfigured chancel and a third installation completed in 1984. The building's beautiful and colorful original decoration included painted gothic arches on either side of the sanctuary with illuminated gold-leafed printing of the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. The nave was trimmed with various colorful stencil treatments including elaborate Fleur-de-leys surrounding each window, and a verse from *Habakkuk* "The Lord is in his Holy Temple" printed over the sanctuary arch. The words, "Holy, Holy, Holy," from *The Sanctus,* were printed above the lancet windows over the altar.

In 1917, another building campaign resulted in the addition of the present parish hall. The structure included a gymnasium on the lower level and was dedicated in 1918. During that same year, a large brick home located next to the church was built by one of St. Philip's parishioners, Georgia Hoffman James, who had the house built to resemble a home she had admired while vacationing in Salem, Massachusetts. The house was later bequeathed to the church in 1947 for use as its rectory along with a portion of land from Mrs. James' family farm. The proceeds from the farm were to be used for the upkeep of the large home. Oil was later discovered on the farm property and is now known as "St. Philip's well."

St. Philip's is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest church building in continuous use in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Tarlton Methodist Church



Tarlton Methodist Church, Tarlton, Ohio about 1870. Built 1839. (Tallest man, Stephen Defenbaugh, others unknown.)

The first Methodist meeting in Saltcreek Township was held in the home of Abramen Monnette. He also helped to organize the Tarlton class about 1825.

Before the present church was erected in 1839-40, the meetings were held in a log school house which stood a block to the left from the present church site. The land where the present church was erected was transferred from Otis and Elizabeth Ballard on the 15th day of June, 1839 for the sum of $80.00

In 1915-1916, the church's interior was remodeled under the pastorate of Rev. A.L. Vandergriff. The square rostrum, which extended the full width of the auditorium was changed into a semi-circular one making room for the back stairway, which is present today. The chancel rail was installed at this time. Hardwood floors were laid and the straight back pews exchanged for the present ones. The main lights in the auditorium were the gifts of Mrs. John Hiatt. The electric lights in the basement were given by Porter Hiatt and Mrs. Laura Fogler, who was the great aunt of Dale Fogler and Evelyn Fogler Turvey, who are still membesr of the church.

The present church structure was altered in 1919 when the high spire was blown off during a storm. In 1994, the front steps of the church were moved and a wider threshold was installed and railings were added on each side of the steps. The original step that was removed was engraved by Chuck Wellman with information concerning the church. This step is mounted on the south side of the church.

Other improvements include new sidewalks, roof, spouting and metal eaves. The restrooms were refurbished and the original kitchen was made into an office. A new kitchen was built in the west basement. New storm windows, the front entrance and a chair lift to assist the handicapped were installed. New curtains were added and carpet was laid; also air conditioning and a new furnace was installed.

This church has been in continuous service longer than any church in Pickaway County.

Tarlton Circuit of Preachers

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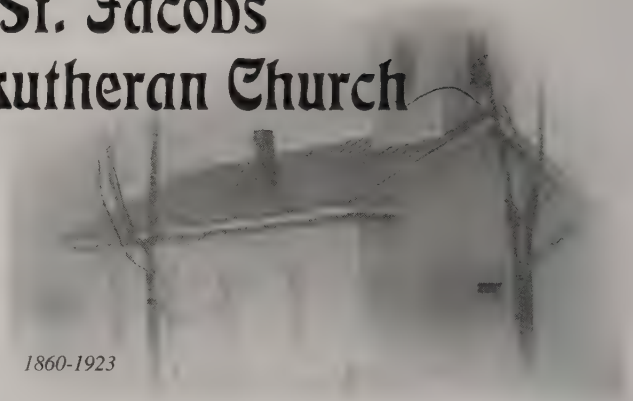
-Submitted by Evelyn Turvey

Tarlton Methodist Church, March 2005

Tarlton St. Jacobs Evangelical Lutheran Church



1860-1923

The history of St. Jacobs can be traced back to the establishment of the German Reformed and the German Lutheran societies to 1807 in the community of Newellstown, later named Tarleton, but today spelled Tarlton.

This was a time when many settlers were migrating to this section of Ohio from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. Many were coming via the Old Zane Trail that runs through Tarlton connecting it to Lancaster and Chillicothe and now known as State Route 159.

The Rev. George Wise of Lancaster organized the German Reformed Society. Both societies united shortly afterward and erected a log meeting house where both worshipped until 1830 when a log and frame building was built and used until 1860.

The German Reformed Society erected a brick church of their own and the Lutherans built a frame church edifice at a cost of $1,200. A major split occurred in the German Reformed Society over established usage and their Rev. Samuel Jacobs joined the Cumberland Presbyterians taking most of his congregation with him. After a few years the German Reformed Society fell into difficulties and the church sold a t a sheriff's auction and the society disbanded.

In 1811 the Rev. Jacob Leist, a licensed missionary from the Pennsylvania Synod of Lutheran Churches, was sent to the Tarlton area to "gather the scattered children of the church" and was the organizing pastor for St. Jacobs which presumably was named in his honor. He also organized several other small Lutheran congregations in the area. Trinity Lutheran in Circleville is also believed to have been organized by the Rev. Leist.

The Ohio Lutheran Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, was formed in Ohio in 1818 in Columbus, Ohio and the Rev. Jacob Leist was ordained that year by the Ohio Synod. Tarlton was on the list of sites being considered by the Synod but Columbus won out. Rev. Leist was married to Elizabeth Shoemaker, the daughter of Judge Jacob Shoemaker, in 1812. After organizing and preaching for over fifty years he retired on his farm at Leistville and practiced medicine. The Rev. Leist passed away at his home in 1876 and is buried in the old Tarlton Cemetery.

At the time of the formation of St. Jacobs in 1860, the Union Church, called the Stumpf Church, northwest of Laurelville just off Route 56, was disbanded and many of its members united with St. Jacobs. Many of the old names of early members still remain on St. Jacobs' old registry. The empty Stumpf Church Building is still standing and the Stumpf Cemetery is nearby.

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St. Jacobs has been in several parish alignments such as Israel, Zion, East Ringgold, Stumpf and St. John prior to 1891 and in that year under the leadership of the Rev. J.M. Wenrich formed a parish sharing a pastor with Trinity Lutheran in Stoutsville, Fairfield County, and remained in that parish until Trinity dissolved in April, 2002. A parsonage in Stoutsville also was shared for our ministers until 1968 when it was sold. Trinity has now been sold and soon will be demolished to make way for apartments.

By 1906 St. Jacobs numbered 125 members and Orestes Mowery was serving as Sunday School Superintendent with a membership of 50. In 1918 in order to strengthen the Lutheran witness in the community, St. Jacobs merged with the English Evangelical Lutheran Church which had been established in 1835 under the leadership of the Rev. Nathan B. Little and was a congregation of thirty members.

In 1923 on August 1, the ground was broken for a new St. Jacobs on the corner of German and Pleasant Streets in Tarlton and the cornerstone was laid on October 7, 1923 Wenrich Stuckey, accompanied by Charles Creager, transported the cornerstone from Lancaster, Ohio in Stuckey's Ford truck. St. Jacobs was dedicated on July 19, 1925. The first marriage in the new church was that of Virginia Mowery, daughter of Orestes and Nellie Mowery, to Wayne Luckhart, on July 4, 1926 by the Rev. J.M. Wenrich. Virginia is presently St. Jacobs oldest member at the age of 98.

On October 16, 1985 St. Jacobs celebrated its 125 years under the leadership of the Rev. Marlin R. Drake. The following have served as pastors: The Reverends J.E. Weiner, W.H. Fishburn, G.W. Hudson, J.F. Beattes, W.L. Hunton, J.M. Wenrich, H.L. Bosserman, J.A. Schofer, H.L. Dressler, H.R. Merle, J.S. Rumbarger, S.M. Wenrich, F.J. Heine, H.B. Drum, Frank Csaszar, Ronald Brant, Dr. Harold Zietlow, David Petterson, Marlin R. Drake, S. John Michles, Shirley Ross-Jones, Donna Kraus, and at the present, Julie Martin.

Now in 2005, Carl E. Strous is the Sunday School Superintendent with a much smaller membership.

Church officers are: Tim Hartranft, President; Wilma Fraunfelter, Vice President; Wilma Strous, Secretary; Dorothy Drum, Financial Secretary; and Wanda Hartranft, Treasurer. Our pianist is Diane Valentine and organist is Mary Swain.

The spirit of love and fellowship the members of St. Jacobs have shared with the community is a tribute to our great faith and we strive by the Holy Spirit to be Jesus' disciples so all may know Him. St. Jacobs stands as a symbol of stability in the Tarlton community and our prayer is to reach the unchurched.

-Submitted by Wanda Hartranft

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Lutheranism began in Pickaway County in 1811 when Rev. Jacob Leist was sent to organize Lutheran congregations in Ohio. In 1837 while Rev. Joel Swartz was pastor of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church on what is now West Franklin Street, a schism occurred over matters of doctrine. A group who were called the 'old school' withdrew from his church, organized as Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, and soon built a brick church and parsonage on East Mound Street. An elementary school was operated by the church from 1888 to 1893.

In August 1898 Rev. G.J. Troutman began serving Trinity, and in 1901 the congregation decided to build a new church. The new building was dedicated in July 1903. A new parsonage was built west of the church in 1907. In 1928 the old parsonage was removed from the east side of the church and a Parish House was built there. In November 1930, a re-opening and dedicatory service was held to celebrate acquisition of a new organ and a remodeled church.

The Peal of Bells donated to the church by Rev. Jacob Barthelmas was dedicated in October 1939. The three bells were given to the Glory of the Triune God and in memory of his wife Amelia, his mother Barbara, and his mother-in-law Lena Webbe.

After many years of service at Trinity, Dr. Troutman retired and became Pastor Emeritus in June 1941. Rev. George L. Troutman, who had been serving with his father since 1929, assumed the full responsibility of the church. Since 1929 he had been serving also as pastor of the East Ringgold Lutheran (Warner) Church which was organized in 1839 by German Reformed and Lutheran congregations and in 1880 had a membership of 140. By 1942, services there had been discontinued.

Pastor Carl Zehner became minister of Trinity in July 1954. During his tenure, the congregation of Christ Church of Lick Run in Jackson Township merged with Trinity. That congregation had been organized in March 1885 and for many years had been served by the pastors of Trinity. In 1947 a special Memorial Day service was held to honor the 165 members of this Circleville Parish who served in the Armed Forces of our country. Pastor Zehner also led Trinity's strong support of the formation of the Circleville Mission on Lowery Lane.

As Trinity's congregation grew, the need for a larger church with adequate educational facilities became apparent. The last service in the second church building was conducted in September 1962. The cornerstone of the new church was laid in January 1963 and the edifice was dedicated in December 1963.

Early in 1979, Dr. John Mittermaier was installed as Senior Pastor. Assistants who served during his tenure were Rev. Roger Lawrence, Rev. Alfred Krebs, and Rev. John Boldt. Dr. Mittermaier resigned in 1989, and several months later he accepted the request from the congregation to serve as part time Visitation Pastor, a position which he continues to hold.

In 1989, Pastor Roy E. Godfrey was installed as senior Pastor of Trinity and in 1990 Pastor Eugene Bensch was installed as Pastor for Outreach. Interim pastors who served the congregation during this era were Rev. Dan Mortinger, Rev. Thomas Baumgardner, Rev. Alan Schwochow, and Rev. Ronald Wolter. The Trinity Lutheran Preschool was established in the fall of 1990 with Mrs. Ruthann Godfrey being named its first director.

A reconstruction project was begun in 1992 to remodel the Parish House and join it to the church. The rooms added between the two buildings provided additional office space, a library, meeting rooms, and an elevator making the facilities accessible.

In 1993 the senior choir directed by Katie Wilson Schneider began holding an annual May Choir Festival. Choirs from several local churches presented anthems and then formed a mass choir singing to the glory of God. The festival continued for twelve years and was a very successful ecumenical event.

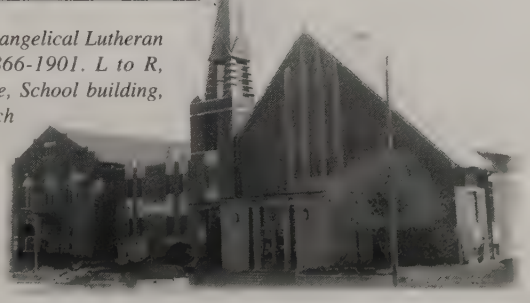
Senior Pastor Donald Bachman, Jr. was installed in September 1994. About a year later the "Dream Come True" project was launched. Completed projects include a first-floor bedroom with bath and deck, wheelchair ramps, and siding for homes. Dream Come True volunteers also helped during construction of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church. During Pastor Bachman's tenure, associate pastors have been Rev. Karl Hanf, installed in 1999, and Rev. Karen Kepner, installed in 2004.

Trinity can claim an influence in sending nineteen sons and daughters to the ministry. The church cooperates in the local Food Pantry, the Clothing Center, the Brown Memorial Home, Eden Place and the Circleville Community Mission. Church organizations continue to serve as auxiliaries for church work, support the worship services, and contribute to the life of the congregation. The educational ministry continues to be strong through the Sunday School and Bible School programs.

-Submitted by Carolyn Weigand

Left: Trinity Lutheran Church 1903-1963. The Parish House is to the left and parsonage to the right.

Below: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and Parish House 2005



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Curch 1866-1901. L to R, Parsonage, School building, and Church

Village United Methodist Church

Early in 1889, the Village of Ashville had a population of fewer than five hundred persons. A small group of citizens, focused on future development, met at the home of V.R. Duvall intent on establishing a Methodist Church. They initiated a campaign for funds to build. Two ladies, Emma Soper Wright and Mrs. Josh Hedges, traveled by horse and buggy to canvas for funds. After several weeks the decision was made to begin construction of the Ashville Methodist Church.

Uncle Ezra Hedges, as he was known, donated a lot on which the church and parsonage were to be built. Ben Beavers was chosen to oversee the construction that started in the latter part of 1889; in the spring of 1890, with a total cost of $3,500.00, construction was completed. Reverend A.T. Hixon, who resided in South Bloomfield, became the first minister.

Sunday, April 6, 1890, the faithful few met to organize the first Sunday School. The first session was held April 13, 1890; seven classes were created hosting a total of sixty-six persons, garnering a collection of ninety cents. On April 25, 1890, the church was dedicated by the Reverend Moore of Cincinnati, assisted by Reverend Hixon. The new church immediately organized spiritually based programs. Hymn books entitled, "Songs of Redeeming Love" were ordered on May 6th and the first Children's Day Service as held June 6th.

The new church became a part of the South Bloomfield Circuit (including Ashville, South Bloomfield, Asbury, Hedges Chapel and East Union). Reverend Hixon remained on this circuit until the fall of 1890. He was succeeded by Reverend Frank Gillian. In 1895, the circuit was divided (Ashville, Hedges Chapel and East Union to be known as the Ashville Circuit) while (South Bloomfield, Asbury and Renick Chapel of Darbyville) would become the South Bloomfield Circuit. East Union disbanded in 1918, leaving Ashville and Hedges Chapel as a yoked circuit.

In 1927 the decision was made to expand, adding a junior and primary department along with a modern kitchen and dining facility. I.M. Spindler, H.M. Fridley, E.F. Schlegel, Walter Hedges and Dr. J.L. Spindler comprised the building committee; Walter Hedges headed the construction and the project was completed in the fall of 1927. The re-dedication of the newly remodeled church was held November 27, 1927 with Rev. A.E. Smith, president of Ohio Northern University presiding, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. J.B. Taylor.

Again in 1955, under the leadership of Rev. Emerson Abts, the decision was made to remodel. New altar furniture and lighting were put in place; in 1957 the basement of the church was remodeled, and in 1959 chimes were purchased to enhance the music ministry. Additional parking space was acquired adjacent to the parsonage in 1964. With the 1968 merger of Conferences, the new name of the church became Ashville Village United Methodist Church. In 1969, further improvements were made, adding new pews and carpeting. Further enhancements during the 1970's included the present organ, a gift from Ethel Siegel and the grand piano, a gift from Donald P. Courtright in memory of Grace Courtright. Also in 1986, under the able leadership of Rev. Elford Hoff, the congregations of both Ashville Village and Hedges Chapel made the commitment to become station churches. In 1986 the initial sound system and a cabinet were given by Benis and Carolyn Lutz in memory of Joseph Lutz; and, a new three-octave handbell system was a gift from the family of D.P. Courtright to his memory.

In July of 1986, Rev. J. Franklin Luchsinger was appointed to Village Church. Since 1986, the church has continued to reach out in many arenas of service; in mission, the local food pantry, youth and children's ministries, music ministry and Bible study groups. In 1988, a project to re-design the bell tower was accomplished in an adventure of faith. This physical improvement became a symbol of proclaiming the Good News day and night above the Village skyline. It was a project financed outside the budget by contributions to the memory of those who have served so faithfully at Village Church. We are challenged by those who have gone before us ... to continue their legacy of faithful service to God.

Since becoming a station church in 1986, Rev. Luchsinger served four years, followed by Rev. Scoby's six years, and our current pastor Rev. David Wells these last nine years. Our ministry demands have out-grown our current facilities; thus, we have purchased land and are moving forward with plans for a new facility that will serve the future needs of this community. Village and Hedges Chapel Churches will merge on July 1, 2005 to become VILLAGE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH under the able spiritual leadership of Rev. David Wells and Rev. Aaron Brown, guided by the mission ...UNITED BY HIS LOVE AND EMPOWERED BY HIS SPIRIT, WE WILL REACH OUT AND RAISE UP DISCIPLES FOR JESUS!

Ministers

1888	Rev. A.F. Hixon	1934	Rev. J.D. Kilmer
1892	Rev. Frank Gillian	1935	Rev. Walter C. Peters
1895	Rev. B.F. Jackson	1940	Rev. Dwight F. Woodworth
1896	Rev. C.M. Prior	1946	Rev. A.B. Albertson
1900	Rev. F.M. Evans	1953	Rev. C.W. Schaffer
1904	Rev. F.R. Crooks	1954	Rev. Emerson Abts
1905	Rev. C.E. Hill	1957	Rev. Virgil Close
1909	Rev. N.C. Patterson	1961	Rev. Williams Carter
1910	Rev. J.B. Hawk	1962	Rev. William Sherertz
1915	Rev. E.K. Johnson	1969	Rev. John Glick
1916	Rev. H.H. Wilbur	1974	Rev. Starling Morrow
1919	Rev. J.M. Chandler	1977	Rev. Kenneth Marckel
1925	Rev. J.H. Sudlow	1982	Rev. Elford Hoff
1926	Rev. J.B. Taylor	1986	Rev. I. Franklin Luchsinger
1930	Rev. W. Newton Mantle	1990	Rev. Thomas J. Scoby
1933	Rev. C.W. Hoffman	1996	Rev. David W. Wells

Willimsport United Methodist Church

The early Methodist Episcopal Church in Ohio was organized by circuits of traveling or itinerant ordained clergy. Deer Creek families were a part of the Scioto Circuit in 1799 and the Deercreek Circuit was detached in 1807. This was the era when competing churches organized the frontier by camp-meetings. The New Light Presbyterians held a large camp-meeting at the Williams Town (Williamsport), Ohio settlement in 1800 at the Christian Cemetery. In 1808 and 1811 two great Methodist camp-meetings were attended by over two thousand people on Deer Creek six miles south of Williamsport, led by Bishop Francis Asbury, founder of the Methodist movement in the United States.

Early Methodists delayed investment in buildings, attended Bible class in their homes and supported relief and mission efforts locally and abroad. The Williamsport class, founded by the Parret, Manly, Hunsicker and Frame families, was organized as a Church in 1826 under the guidance of Rev. Jacob Delay and Rev. G.W. Young, the 32nd and 33rd pastors of the Circuit.

In 1839 work commenced on the first of three church buildings that have served the congregation at the northeast corner of Church and Main Streets in Williamsport, Ohio. The original frame building was 30x50 feet and stood close to the street. In 1866 the 54th Pastor, Rev. David Smith, a great orator, was granted a two-year appointment by the Bishop resulting in the building of a new brick church.

Quickly membership grew substantially to over 280 under Dr. W.F. Hughey. This led to the four-year appointment of the 63rd pastor, Rev. I.M. Brashares in 1887 who directed the effort to build a "modern" sanctuary in 1889-90. In this era, many Methodist families traveled the state each season to help finance the construction of new churches, continuing the camp-meeting tradition. The 1890 church construction was a major event. The plan was to build a somewhat original building that would be an attraction during the 1891 church-dedication travel season. The cost was approximately $10,000.

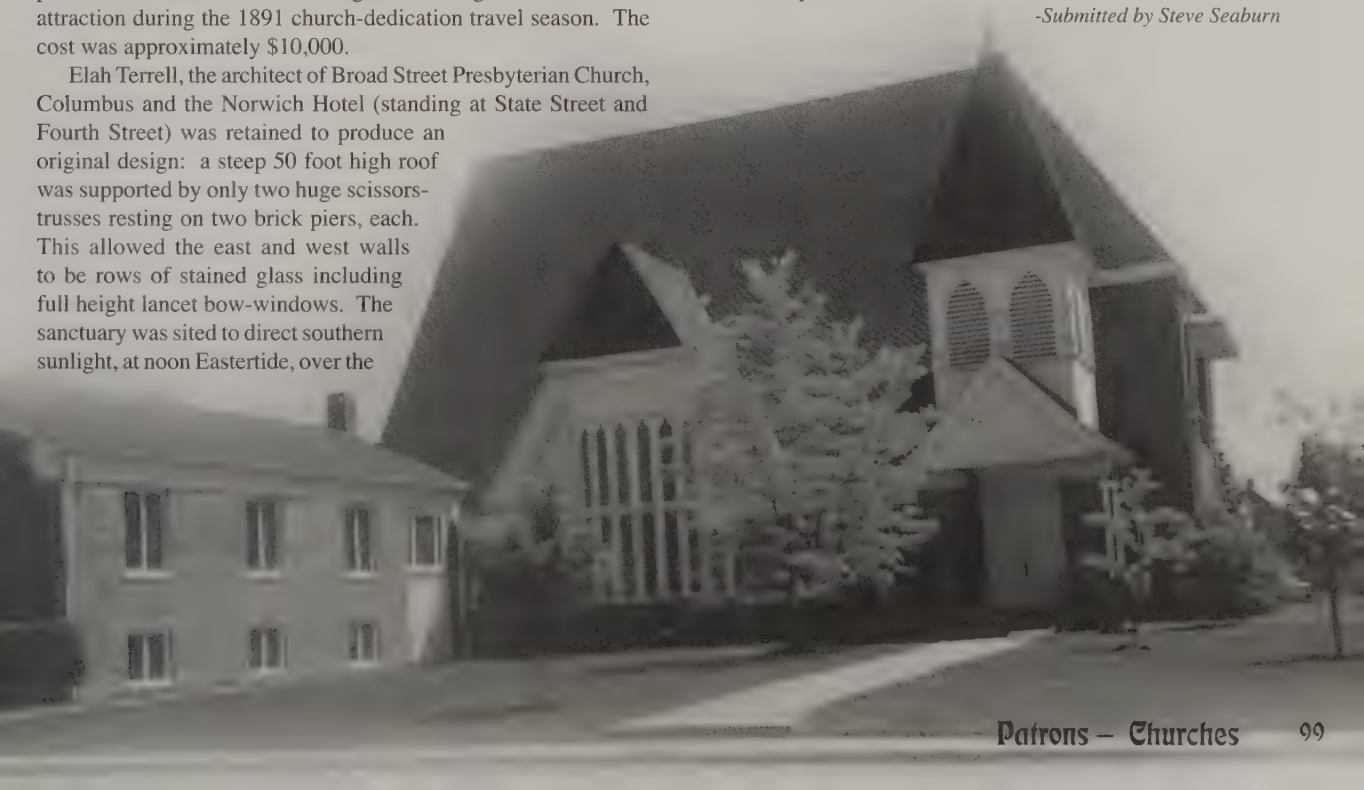
Elah Terrell, the architect of Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus and the Norwich Hotel (standing at State Street and Fourth Street) was retained to produce an original design: a steep 50 foot high roof was supported by only two huge scissors-trusses resting on two brick piers, each. This allowed the east and west walls to be rows of stained glass including full height lancet bow-windows. The sanctuary was sited to direct southern sunlight, at noon Eastertide, over the altar table. The wood-paneled sanctuary interior was based on a Methodist Church in London, England as researched by the West family of Williamsport. The elevated chancel (rostrum) is adapted from a Shakespearean stagehouse. For the June 7, 1891 dedication, excursion trains ran to Williamsport from Cincinnati, Ohio, and after lengthy, dramatic services, the debt on the building was paid. A balcony was added for the choir at a later date.

The community-minded mission of the Williamsport Church led also to the building of an Epworth Hall for youth activities around 1900 on Mill Street and, in 1924 construction of a Parish House on Green Street in the downtown for dinners. This latter building has long since been owned by the American Legion Post 618. From 1954-62 the church's activities were consolidated with the construction of a new parsonage by the sanctuary and a Fellowship Hall and Sunday School addition attached to the church. Replacement of the original slate room following the great hail storm of 1980 is the only significant alteration to the 1890 sanctuary.

Since 1826 the Williamsport church has, at the pleasure of the Bishop's appointment, supported 99 different Pastors. For over twenty-five years the Church has been associated with the Deercreek Co-op of local Methodist Churches that support local programs including worship services at Deer Creek State Park, Williamsport.

The 200-plus members support the mission and program of the denomination and locally provide a food pantry, clothing center and bereavement services. Worship is supported by adult and children's vocal choirs and two handbell choirs. Sunday School, U.M. Women and Youth Fellowship and Vacation Bible School add to church activities. Over the years many local organizations continue to use the facilities as a community center. The Church has for over 100 years supported the only full-time ordained Elder in the vicinity.

-Submitted by Steve Seaburn



African Methodist Episcopal Church

This church was organized in 1834 under the leadership of Rev. L. Davis with a membership of 12. The membership took the name St. Paul and bought the old Lafe Ebey blacksmith shop located at 409 S. Pickaway Street for their first meeting place. The congregation grew rapidly and plans were made to construct a new building of brick measuring 40' by 60' at 426 S. Pickaway Street in 1879. At this time the congregation became affiliated with the African Methodist Episcopal Conference. Since the beginning pastorate of L. Davis, until 1906, the church was served by 28 ministers. In 1906, it boasted a membership of 80 which included five trustees, and nine stewards.

St. Paul AME Church on South Pickaway St. Circleville, OH

The congregation continued to grow and thrive and be active in the community through the late 60's with many community and family events occurring at the St. Paul AME church. As the congregation began to age and the younger families moved on, attendance began to dwindle. In early 1977 the remaining 35 members, along with the AME conference trustees, recognized that the building had fallen into disrepair and that the current members could not make the necessary repairs. Plans were made to demolish the building and to begin preparation for a new but smaller building to be built. Frank Barnhill of Circleville promised to assist the trustees in demolishing the building and in November 1977 the building came down. The congregational members rapidly became discouraged and attendance dwindled as worship services were held in the old parsonage and in various individual's homes.

Around 1995, Rev. Dwight Smith came to minister to the 6 regular attendees and we began meeting at the Pickaway County Community Action building. In 1997, under Rev. Smith's leadership, the dream of a new church was once again rekindled. Then in 1998, with Rev. Charles Wolford presiding, Rev. Don Bachman of Trinity Lutheran Church in Circleville and the trustees of St. Paul put legs to the dream. Attendance and enthusiasm is continuing to grow. Today, after 26 years of prayer, the muscles of many volunteers, and a number of good cooks, what was once deemed impossible has become a reality.

-Submitted by
Sally Jones and from information compiled by Fannie Cooper

The Derby United Methodist Church

Thomas Reynolds, a Methodist exhorter from Virginia, held the first religious services in Derby, Ohio during 1802. Later, Robert Finley, a traveling Methodist preacher, was the first ordained clergyman in the area. His son, James, a missionary among Indians in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, held camp meetings on the banks of Darby Creek. Pioneer families and the Indian Converts attended them during the early 1800's.

A Methodist Society was formed during that time and meetings were then held in barns and homes until a log house was erected in 1844. The first church in the township was the Free Will Church open to all denominations. The Methodist Society subsequently disbanded, reorganized and held services in a schoolhouse, which is currently the site of the Pallet Company in Derby.

The Episcopal Methodist Church was erected in 1887 at a cost of about $2,000 on land donated by John Linebaugh, who later donated the land for the current parsonage. Derby at that time was on the Darbyville circuit and shared a succession of ministers. When Rev. Patterson was appointed, the Big Plain and McKendree churches became part of the Derby-Darbyville circuit. The parsonage was built while Rev. Benzing headed the charge in 1898-1900. During Rev. Redman's stay from 1907-1910, the current adult Sunday school room was added. In the 1940's the vestibule was added. At some point, the church changed to The Derby Methodist Church.

With united effort of all church families, the Fellowship Hall was built and consecrated in 1962. The sanctuary was remodeled and a brickface was added to the vestibule. 1987 was the One Hundredth Anniversary Celebration of the church celebrated during Edwardo Milano's tenure.

In 2004, Pastor Daniel R. Culbertson leads a congregation that consists of generations of families who have attended The Derby United Methodist Church for years.

-Submitted by Shirley Fields McCoy

Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church

Emmett Chapel, dedicated in 1852, was named for Father Emmett, a pioneer Methodist of the region. His two sons agreed to erect the building stipulating only that is should carry his name. The church site was donated by Elias Reed.

The 40x60 foot one room wood building located six miles south of Circleville on Rt. 23, had two double doors on the west end with stained glass transoms over the doors. It had four high double windows on each of the north and south sides over which hung long double roller blinds. Two aisles leading from each front door made three sections of seats. The small dais encircled by an altar railing sat in the east end leaving one small opening for the minister to enter the pulpit. The southeast corner was curtained off for a primary class while the northeast corner was reserved for the choir. A pump organ provided the only music available.

Kerosene lamps anchored in the wall provided light when needed. A potbellied stove stood near the center of the room and provided the only heat. The uncomfortable straight-backed pews sat on rough wide boards. Outside, high above the doors on the west end was a fan shaped ventilator bearing the date 1852. Directly north of the building was a burial ground that had been opened to any in the community that had need of it. Few records still exist of the years between 1854 and 1967.

On May 6, 1966, the people of Emmett Chapel exercised an option of $100.00 to buy 3.56 acres in Logan Elm Village for the purpose of relocating the membership in a new building. The Pastor was Rev. Foster Jenne. A new brick structure, 120x76 feet was to have a seating capacity of 300, a pastor's study, a fellowship hall, 10 classrooms, a choir room, a nursery, 2 rest rooms, a full

Old Emmett Chapel UMC was located South of Circleville on Rt. 23.

functioning kitchen, two electric furnace rooms and air conditioning. Large hand hewn beams from an old barn made into a cross were donated and set in stone on the south end of the sanctuary. It truly is an old rugged cross. The building was officially consecrated on November 26, 1967.

On January 26, 2003 an adjoining structure was dedicated and a new Fellowship Hall 82x62 feet, with 5 classrooms, a larger kitchen and 2 new rest rooms with showers was added. We at Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church pray that we have followed the Lord's will in doing what he has led us to do over the past 153 years. He has brought us from the potbellied stove to an air-conditioned building. To God be the glory.

-Submitted by Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church

Northridge Church of Christ

On March 25, 1962 a small, but devoted group of Pickaway County Christians officially organized to form what was called the Church of Christ (Christian), later to be known as the Northridge Church of Christ. These brethren organized for the purpose of teaching and propagating Net Testament Christianity. These charter members incorporated and established a concise group of by-laws.

During the beginning months of the congregation, John Frederick labored diligently to establish the work. At first cottage meetings were held from house to house. Later, the 4-H Grange Building at the local fairgrounds was acquired for a rental.

At the close of 1962 John Frederick terminated his ministry and Robert Devolld was called soon after. During that year and all the next, the congregation continued to meet at the fairgrounds. In October 1964 the construction of the first Church Building was started on Wilmar Drive. The dedication of the new building was held on October 10, 1965 with 150 people present.

Tragedy struck the congregation in the fall of 1966 with the deaths of Bob and Norma Miller, charter members of the church, in a private airplane crash. In 1967 the church was sad but proud of Robert and Sheila Devolld when they resigned to be missionaries to Alaska. Philip Williams was welcomed in August of 1967 and stayed until May of 1968. Gerald Stemm accepted the ministry in July of 1968 and in 1969 plans were in the making for a new and larger building.

Dedication of the new building at 578 Northridge Road was held in the spring of 1974. The original building then became the parsonage. Don Baker was the minister.

During the next 30 years the church was led by several ministers including: Leonard Tippie, Sidney Woodruff, Sid Clay and Doug Barrett. The church was again saddened by the sudden death of Mr. Barrett in October of 2000. Timothy Ramsey was hired January 2002 and served with the congregation until February 2003. Scott Troubaugh came to the church in June 2003 and is still serving as senior minister. He is assisted by the associate minister, David Bellamy. The congregation continues to meet at the property consisting of the church building and parsonage located on seven acres at 578 Northridge Road, Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Ken Speakman

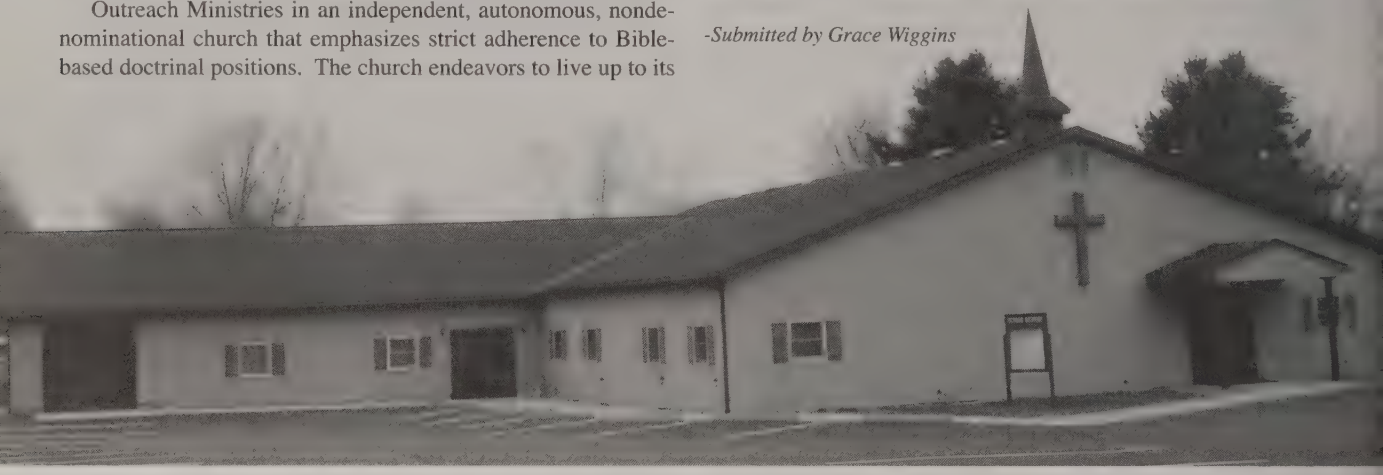
Outreach Ministries Church

The Outreach Ministries church was established in 1975 in Circleville, Ohio. The church began as a small Bible study group that met for a time in the backroom of a Christian bookstore on Lancaster Pike. The Bible studies were under the direction of the Rev. Doyne N. Wiggins. As the study grew in number, it became necessary to rent a larger facility in a downtown location, on East Main Street. The group soon evolved into a regular church congregation. Rev. Wiggins was the first past of the church. The church met in the downtown facility from 1975-1980. Early in 1980, the congregation moved into its newly constructed building facility located at 6699 State Route 56 East. An addition to the building was completed in March of 1999.

Outreach Ministries in an independent, autonomous, nondenominational church that emphasizes strict adherence to Bible-based doctrinal positions. The church endeavors to live up to its name by reaching out into the local community and the world community to spread the Gospel and to teach the Word of God. The local work of the church includes a nursing home and youth prison ministry under the direction of Rev. Michael Henderson. The overseas ministry of the church has gone into Norway, Denmark, Israel, India and Sri Lanka. The ministry also involved the writing and publication of various religious materials.

The Rev./Dr. Doyne Wiggins and the Rev. Michael Henderson currently constitute the pastoral staff of the church. Dr. Wiggins has served continuously as pastor since the foundation of the church ministry. The church welcomes all people from every walk of life and seeks to help meet their needs in every manner possible.

-Submitted by Grace Wiggins



Zion United Methodist Church

The Zion United Methodist Church was formed when the former Ashville Evangelical United Brethren Church was merged into the Methodist Church Conference in 1968. The church location at the corner of Plum and Powell Streets represents the oldest continuous site of worship in Ashville. The current building was erected in 1915 to replace a wood frame United Brethren structure that had been moved from its former location north of Ashville in 1880. According to church historians, the wood frame church was razed after a parishioner fell through the sanctuary floor.

The worship area of the church is large enough to accommodate 300 or more people and is adorned by three large stained glass windows depicting scripture verses. All of the seventeen smaller stained glass windows were salvaged from the old United Brethren building. The windows bear the names of the former church families or the classes who sponsored them. The exterior of the church has changed little in the past 80 years but the pews, doors, and altar have been replaced. The church is currently negotiating the construction of an interior lift. It is expected this project will be completed in 2005.

Some of Zion's current mission projects are supporting the Ashville Food Pantry, the Pickaway County Clothing Center, and the Columbus South District's Free Store, the donation of health kits and blankets to United Methodist Mission Projects, the distribution of Love Boxes to our servicemen and women, and the filling of holiday food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition to church offerings, these projects are supported by an annual church bazaar and dinner held the first weekend in November, and by the making and selling of noodles and apple dumplings.

-Submitted by Sue Cook

Salt Creek 4-H Sewing Club – Girls at the southeast corner of the school in 1924: Front: Carmen Huffman, Dorothy Kerns, Nolene Fetherolf. Second row: Margie Schaal, Ruth Fetherolf, Mildred Welsh, Pauline Veff, Elizabeth Heffner, Margaret Chilcote.

Below: The Salt Creek Centralized School – horse drawn wagons and students, 1916.

Patrons - Schools

Deercreek Township School Wagon, circa 1912

Pickaway County School District Territory Changes

In the first month of operation for the new Pickaway County Board of Education, a special meeting was held on July 29, 1914. At this meeting, the township of South Bloomfield Village, Madison, Harrison, and Walnut were named a supervision district. Washington, Circleville Township, Wayne, the Village of Tarlton, and the special district of Whisler were combined into a second supervision district. At the request of the county superintendent, the members of the Monroe and Muhlenberg boards were to meet with Mr. Cook to decide which supervision district they should be assigned.

At the Wednesday, August 19th meeting, the county board and superintendent made a survey of Clarksburg and vicinity, Atlanta, New Holland, Waterloo, Tick Ridge and parts of Monroe, Muhlenberg and Jackson Townships in order to gain a better understanding of the schools in these districts. This survey was made using the automobiles of Mr. Noecker, Mr. Brehmer and Mr. B. P. Crawford.

As a result of the survey, at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on September ninth, the board decided to assign Monroe Township to the Deercreek Supervision District and Muhlenberg to the Jackson Township Supervision District.

The newly enacted Winans Law for redistricting passed in 1915 brought about changes in the supervisory districts in Pickaway County. In accordance with this law, at the June 1915 county board meeting, the school districts were reorganized. District number one was redesigned with the following school districts included: Harrison, Walnut, Washington, Wayne, Whisler, Saltcreek, Circleville Township Rural, and South Bloomfield. This district was assigned to D.W. Macklin as the superintendent. His salary was paid for by the county board of education. Ashville, Monroe and Muhlenberg were placed under the direct supervision of the county superintendent. New Holland, Jackson, Pickaway, Darby, Deercreek, Perry, Scioto, and Madison Rural School Districts were granted permission to elect superintendents for their districts in accordance with Section 4740 of the Ohio Revised Code.

In accordance with section 4692 of the Ohio Revised Code, all of the Whisler Village Rural School District was transferred to the Saltcreek Township Rural School District at the January 6, 1916 meeting. Monroe and Saltcreek each were granted permission to hire their own superintendents as provided in Section 4740 of the Ohio Revised Code at the June 6, 1917 meeting.

At the March 20, 1918 meeting, it was brought to the county's board attention that an injunction was filed in the Pickaway Common Pleas Court by residents of Circleville Township living in territory transferred to Jackson Township Rural School District on April 4, 1917. Attorney Meeker Terwiliger was hired to represent the county board of elections.

At the June 5, 1918 county board meeting, changes were made again to the assignment of schools to districts. District #1 now consisted of Wayne, Washington, Circleville Township, Harrison, Madison, South Bloomfield, and Tarlton. Ashville, Monroe, Muhlenberg and Darby were put under the direct supervision of the county superintendent.

Ashville was granted permission to hire its own superintendent at the June 4, 1919 county board meeting. Muhlenberg was transferred to district #1 at the May 5, 1920 meeting.

The Wayne Township and Jackson Township school boards asked the county board to merge the two districts into one. The county board, at its April 18, 1931 board meeting, heard the arguments for the merger but decided to postpone a decision indefinitely. Thus, this merger died for lack of a decision by the board.

At the October 7th meeting that year, South Bloomfield Village School District asked to be transferred to the Harrison Township Rural School District. Since the Harrison Township board was opposed to the transfer, the county board requested that the county prosecuting attorney study the request. After much discussion and many meetings, the county board finally approved the request on April 6, 1932.

There were still two-room schools left in the county as late as 1935. At the October 12, 1935 county board meeting, the board voted to eliminate the two-room school at Era, sending the students to Darby once a new addition at Darby was completed. Also closed was the one at Orient with the students to attend Scioto in the fall of 1936. The Tarlton Village School was transferred to Saltcreek beginning in the fall of 1936. At this meeting, the board also discussed the recommendation by the State Board of Education that Washington Township in Pickaway County combine with Clearcreek Township in Fairfield County to form a new consolidated school district. The board took no action on this recommendation.

By 1936, the Ohio Department of Education began to put pressure on Pickaway County to reorganize the school districts since many of the high schools had few students. Because of this pressure from the state, the county board at its June 3, 1936 meeting passed a tentative plan for the reorganization of the schools. That plan was as follows:

- Madison Township would unite with Walnut Township with the understanding that the three-teacher school at Madison would remain open.
- Harrison Township would unite with Ashville Village with the understanding that the South Bloomfield and Duvall schools would remain open.
- Circleville Township to unite with Circleville City Schools.
- Washington, Saltcreek and Pickaway would unite into one district with the elementary schools in each district to remain open and each of the three high schools not to combine until 1938. Tarlton Village School would be assigned to Saltcreek.
- Wayne and Jackson Townships would unite with the three-teacher school at Wayne to remain open.
- Muhlenberg and Monroe Township Schools to unite.
- Darby Township to remain as one district; the two-room school at Era to be abandoned in September of 1937 and those pupils assigned to Scioto.
- New Holland Village, Perry Township (Atlanta), and Deercreek Township to remain as separate districts until the Scioto Valley Resettlement Project was completed.

It was the desire of the Pickaway County Board of Education to begin reorganization east of the Scioto River. The above plan was never put completely into operation due to protests from the

various school districts, not an unusual occurrence.

The Wayne Township high school students were granted permission to attend Circleville High School at the May 4, 1938 meeting. The Wayne Township School remained a 1-8 building for the rest of the students.

At the April 15, 1939 board meeting, the board members read a letter from Franklin H. McNutt, the Director of the Ohio Division of Instruction, who recommended that the charters of Muhlenberg and Washington Township High Schools be annulled and the high schools be closed. The state asked the county board to give reasons why this action should or should not be taken. The board requested that the state allow the First Grade Charter to stay in effect until at least the end of the school year.

On June 7, 1939, the county board transferred the territory of Muhlenberg Township district to Monroe and Darby Township schools with the elementary school at Muhlenberg to remain open. A remonstrance by the residents of Muhlenberg Township, protesting the action of the county board, was rejected due to the lack of sufficient signatures. In August of that year, the Muhlenberg Board of Education filed a law suit against the county board for the transfer of its territory. The suit was filed in the Pickaway County Court of Common Pleas under the heading "The Board of Education of Muhlenberg School District, plaintiff, versus the County Board of Education and the Monroe Township Board of Education, and Forrest Short, auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio, defendants." The court rendered its decision in favor of the county board. Muhlenberg appealed the decision and the Court of Appeals overturned the decision of the lower court. The county board then appealed the case to the Ohio Supreme Court. This case lasted for several months and many lawyers were hired to argue the case. Although the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court was never entered into the county board minutes, the next year the local residents agreed to a settlement even though the case was still before the Ohio Supreme Court at the time.

The county board at its June 5, 1940 meeting was presented with a petition signed by 204 registered voters in the Muhlenberg school district and 374 in the Monroe school district requesting that the two districts merge into one new school district to be named the Monroe-Muhlenberg Rural School District. This petition came about because the State Department of Education had revoked the high school charter for Muhlenberg High School. Since the petition contained a majority of registered voters in the two affected school districts, the county board approved the merger and created the new school district.

On March 6, 1946, the Circleville Township Rural School District was dissolved and the district transferred to the Circleville City School District. At the next meeting, April 3, a petition with 51% of the eligible voters' signatures was presented to the county board in protest of the transfer. After conferring with the State Department of Education, the State Department denied the motion to transfer the district due to the fact that a majority of the voters were opposed to the move and according to Ohio law, the majority wishes were to be honored.

The Tarlton Village School District was transferred to the Saltcreek Township Rural School District at the July 7, 1948 county school meeting.

By 1953, sentiment had changed in Circleville Township. A petition was presented to the county board on September 2, 1953 requesting that the Circleville Township Rural School District be transferred to the Circleville City School District. Since Circleville Township had no school buildings and the students were already attending school in Circleville City on a tuition basis, the county board approved the transfer. The Circleville City School Board also approved the transfer at its November 17th meeting. Thus, the Circleville Township Rural School District was dissolved.

A citizens' committee was created by the county board of education on October 6, 1954 to study how best to consolidate the county schools in accordance with HB 128 of the Ohio General Assembly. The committee members were: Charles Rose, Harford Renick, Curtis Fisher, Paul Peck, Boneta Hill, D Haydn Evans, Louise Roth, Arthur Leist and Clarence Maxson. The citizens' committee reported a plan on August 24, 1955 which would place all the school districts in the county under one board of education. The school district would be called the Pickaway County School District. Since the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, R.M. Eyman approved the play, the county board requested that the question of one county school district be placed on the November 1955 ballot. The voters defeated this play by a 3.5 to one vote. Local control of schools was still very important to most voters.

On January 12, 1956, the boards of education from Washington, Walnut, Madison and Ashville-Harrison met to discuss the possible consolidation of these districts. On April 11 of that same year, a meeting was held at the Pickaway Township School to discuss the possible consolidation of the Kingston-Union, Saltcreek, Pickaway and Washington Schools. On April 25, 1956, the Washington Township and Circleville City school boards met to discuss consolidation of the two districts.

Dr. William Chase of the Center for Educational Services at Ohio University spoke to the county schools at a meeting held at Walnut School on April 19, 1956 to discuss making a survey of the area schools in order to learn the best way to consolidate. Dr. Chase was then employed in May by the county board to conduct an educational survey of the schools in Pickaway County and to develop a plan for consolidation of the county schools since the one county school system was soundly defeated by the voters. He made his report to the county board on July 17, 1957. The county board authorized 1,075 copies of his report to be printed and distributed to the members of the Educational Council, board members, school personnel and interested citizens. From this plan, the county board began to make plans for consolidation.

On August 7, 1957, the newly created Logan Elm School District was approved by the county board. The district consisted of Washington, Pickaway and Saltcreek Township Schools. On September 9, the county board named the board members for the Logan Elm School District. They were: Frank Graves and Dr. Wells Wilson from Pickaway; Ralph Betz and Dr. S.G. Messamer from Washington; and Dow West representing Saltcreek.

As expected, when the topic of school consolidation was discussed at various board meetings, there were many different opinions of how it should be done. After the county board created the Logan Elm School District, the Washington Township School board members voted to protest the decision. Thus, a special county board meeting was called to order on August 28, 1957 to hear the complaint from the Washington board. Mr. William Crist, president of the Washington Baord, spoke against the plan, stating that four of the five board members were in favor of consolidating with the Circleville City School System since the high school students had been attending Circleville High School since 1947. Only Ralph Betz was in agreement with joining the Logan Elm School District. Mr. Crist requested that the county board rescind its actions of August 7th that created the new school district. The county board rejected the request.

At a special Washington Township School board meeting held on August 28, 1957, James Arledge, Pete Bowman, Emmett Hinton and William Crist resigned in protest of the county board action. That left only Ralph Betz on the Washington board. With the help of county superintendent, George McDowell, a new board was appointed. Those appointed were Arthur Leist, Frank Lands, James Stauffer and David Bolender. The five men constituted the last Washington Township Board of Education. They also had the shortest term of office in local school history since they served for only four days and received the sum of three dollars for their services.

In accordance with Section 3311.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, a meeting was held on October 2, 1957 by the county board to create three more new school districts. In one resolution, three new school districts were created. The Northwest School District would consist of Darby, Scioto, Muhlenberg and Monroe Schools; the Northeast School District included Ashville-Harrison, Madison and Walnut Schools; and the Southwest School District was made up of Jackson, Deercreek (Williamsport), New Holland, Perry (Atlanta), and Wayne Township Schools. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Because of a possible legal issue, the county board met in a special meeting on October 14 and discussed their actions at the October 2 meeting. It was decided that the Ohio Supreme Court would probably rule their action invalid since three school districts were created in only one resolution instead of three. Thus, the board rescinded its actions of October 2 and decided to meet again and create the new districts after more discussion with the schools involved.

Between October 14 and November 6, the county board members had a change of mind about how to consolidate the remaining school districts. Instead of creating three more school districts, the board decided to create only two more districts. The first of these two new districts was Westfall School District, which was created at this November 6, 1957 county board meeting. This district consisted of Darby, Monroe, Muhlenberg, Jackson, Perry (Atlanta), Deercreek (Williamsport), New Holland and Wayne Townships. Board members chosen to represent Westfall were: Raymond Reiterman, H.N. Stevenson, Dr. Paul Fenstermaker, Hoyt Martin and Everett Grabill.

The second school district, Teays Valley School District, was created at this meeting, consisting of the following schools: Scioto, Ashville-Harrison, Madison and Walnut. Harold Hines, James Moody, John Moss, Delphia Remy and W.O. Dountz were appointed as the first board members.

Like the new Logan Elm School District, the other two newly created school districts had their share of controversies. At the very same November 6th meeting, the New Holland board of education made a request to not be a member of the Westfall School District but to be allowed to join the new Miami Trace School District in Fayette County. The county board denied the request because it would interfere with the consolidation plans and New Holland was an integral part of Pickaway County.

Since the high school students from Wayne Township had been attending Circleville High School since 1938, the Wayne Township School board at this meeting also objected to being a part of the Westfall School District. The Wayne Township board requested to transfer the district to Circleville City Schools. The county board denied this request as well stating that the students would best be served in the new Westfall School District.

In addition to these two school districts seeking a change at the meeting, a group of Washington Township residents, led by Mr. William Crist, asked that a portion of Washington Township be allowed to transfer to Circleville City. This portion was mainly along Route 22 to Bolender-Pontius Road and included Knollwood Village. Since the county board had previously denied allowing the entire Washington Township to be transferred to Circleville City, the board denied this request as well. The board felt that this territory was needed to make the Logan Elm School District more viable. The group headed by Mr. Crist decided to appeal the decision to the State Board of Education.

At the very next county board meeting held on December 4, 1957, the Walnut Township School Board sent a letter to the county board stating that the local board by a unanimous vote was not in favor of the newly created Teays Valley School District but was in favor of the original plan for a Northeast School District which did not include Scioto Township. The addition of Scioto Township made the district geographically too large, especially when it came to transporting high school students to one location. Also, the play did not take into consideration future growth in the district which would make any new high school too small in the years to come. The county board noted the objection but did not grant the request to reduce the size of the district.

At this meeting, the residents from New Holland were back with a remonstrance petition signed by 283 eligible electors. The petition requested a transfer to Miami Trace. The county board said that since New Holland was part of the Westfall School District, it would take a total of 1,021 signatures from the various voters throughout the Westfall District in order to be valid. Thus, the request was again denied. The petitioners decided to appeal the decision to the State Board of Education.

Three days later, the county board again met. Facing the board was a remonstrance petition from Wayne Township signed by 86 qualified resident electors seeking a transfer to the Circleville City School District. The county board said that even if those signatures were added to the 283 signatures from New Holland, the number was far short of the required 1,021 needed signatures. The request was denied. The petitioners decided to appeal the decision to the State Board of Education.

The State Board of Education met on February 10, 1958 to hear the three requests from Pickaway County on the issue of transferring school districts. After all sides and their legal councils presented their arguments, the State Board of Education ruled in favor of New Holland, Wayne Township, and the residents from Washington Township. All three transferals were granted over the strenuous objections of the Pickaway County Board of Education and its lawyers. Thus, at the March 5, 1958 regular board meeting, the county board had no choice but to grant the request. New Holland was now a part of Miami Trace, Wayne Township became part of Circleville City, and that western portion of Washington Township also became part of Circleville City. As a result, both Westfall and Logan Elm School Districts lost territory and students. Logan Elm also lost a board member. Since Dr. Messmer was a resident of Knollwood Village, he had to resign from the Logan Elm Board of Education.

Mr. Paul Cummins, Fairfield County Superintendent, wrote a letter to the Pickaway County board of Education, dated April 29, 1958, informing the board that on March 29, a petition signed by approximately 400 eligible electors of the Clearcreek Township Local School District was presented to the Fairfield County Board

requesting that the entire Clearcreek Township School District be transferred to the Logan Elm School District under authority of Section 3311.231 of the Ohio Revised Code. This was well over the required 55% of those who voted in the last general election. The letter went on to state that a counter petition, containing 474 eligible signatures, had also been presented to the Fairfield County Board asking that the board delay any action on the other petition until a study could be made by Ohio University on the possible consolidation of schools in Fairfield County. At the May 7, 1958 Pickaway County Board meeting, after the letter was read, the board voted to abide by whatever decision the Logan Elm School Board should take on the proposal.

At the May 6, 1959 county board meeting, a motion was approved to accept the Clearcreek Township School District as part of the Logan Elm School District since the Logan Elm Board of Education was in favor of the merger. Also, the county board had received a letter from the Secretary of State that everything was in order to accept the transfer. In anticipation of the board's approval, land for the new high school was purchased where the four Townships of Washington, Pickaway, Saltcreek and Clearcreek met. The site was on Tarlton Road, even though the county engineer had requested that it be located on Route 56 near the intersection with Route 159.

After the Ohio University study was completed, the Fairfield County Board of Education blocked the transfer of Clearcreek Township and thus it never did become a part of the Logan Elm School District. This decision angered many of the Clearcreek Township citizens, since many of the Stoutsville residents traded in Circleville, but they were soon to join with Amanda to form their own school district.

About the same time, some residents from the Kingston-Union School District in Ross County wanted to be part of the Logan Elm School District and requested to join. However, the Kingston-Union School District voted not to join. Kingston-Union was to later join with Centrailia to form the Zane Trace School District.

Although Clearcreek and Kingston-Union were prevented from becoming a part of the Logan Elm School District, the borders of the district would soon change. At a special county board meeting called on June 19, 1972, Tom Quick, the Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, informed the county board that since the state had revoked the high school charter at Laurelville High School, the district had to be transferred to a neighboring district, either Logan Elm or Logan City. It was the state's desire that the West Hocking School District join with Logan Elm. (This school district had requested entry as early as 1958 when the Logan Elm District was formed.) Mr. Quick stated that if the county board did not voluntarily agree to the transfer, the state would probably assign the district to Logan Elm anyway. Although the influx of students would overcrowd Logan Elm High School and the newly opened McDowell Junior High School, the impact would not be as great as it would be for Logan City. Under the state's proposal, part of Laurel Township would be transferred to Logan City with the townships of Perry and Salt Creek and the rest of Laurel Township, all in Hocking County, to be transferred to Logan Elm.

After much discussion and many concerns about the future of Logan Elm should such a merger take place, the board reluctantly agreed to the transfer, albeit with many reservations. The overcrowded conditions were a major concern of everyone on the board. The problem still exists today in the district.

In July of 1969, the county board passed a resolution as being in favor of the creation of the Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School. On May 7, 1970, the board voted to join the Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocation District with Nelson Jones and Nelson Stevens becoming charter board members representing Pickaway County. The county board was given a third seat a couple of years later. At the February 5, 1976 county board meeting, Logan Elm and Westfall requested that the two local boards each have a member on the Vocational Board with the county office having one seat. The county board rejected the request since a majority of all the school boards in the Joint Vocational District would have to vote for the change. This was highly unlikely since none of the local school districts had representatives on the board. The vocational board was comprised of members from the Ross County, Pickaway County, Circleville City and Chillicothe City school boards. Westfall and Logan Elm requested to have representations again in 2002. Although the Pickaway County Board agreed to the request, the Vocational Board rejected the request. With the death of Everett Beers in 1997, the county board gave up its seat on the Eastland Vocational Board in favor of a representative from the Teays Valley Board serving in that capacity. The Eastland Vocational board agreed to that request.

At the March 3, 1977 county board meeting, a letter from the Franklin County Board of Education was read. The Franklin County Board wanted to know if Pickaway County would be interested in taking over the Groveport-Madison School District, possibly transferring it to the Teays Valley School District. Since the Franklin County Board of Education had not followed the prescribed procedures, the Pickaway County Board of Education drafted a response indicating its disapproval of the handling of this situation. The matter was discussed again at the April board meeting, but no action was taken. Eventually, the offer to transfer the Groveport-Madison School District to Pickaway County was rescinded.

From the log cabin schools to the Little Red Schoolhouse to the Centralized Schools to the Consolidated Schools, education has played an important role in the lives of the citizens of Pickaway County. The residents are proud of their schools and look forward to the many changes yet to come. The history of Pickaway County Schools continues to be written.

-Submitted by David Beavers

County Superintendents

John H. Cook

July 18, 1914 – February 28, 1916

Dr. John H. Cook, son of John and Lucinda Cook, was born in either Adams County or Scioto County. He was a graduate of Miami University of Ohio and Columbia University of New York.

Having come from Scioto County in 1912, Dr. Cook was employed as the first superintendent of the Jackson Township Centralized School from 1912-1914. When Frank H. Pearson became the State Superintendent of Schools, he requested that Dr. Cook be his assistant. Dr. John Cook resigned as Pickaway County Superintendent and became the new Assistant State Superintendent on March 1, 1916. He served in this capacity for around four years.

Dr. Cook then went to North Carolina to become the dean of the college of education at North Carolina Teacher College for Women around 1920. This university is now part of the University of North Carolina. In 1934, while still serving in that capacity, he returned to Circleville in order to give the graduation address for the seventy-one Circleville High School graduating seniors.

Dr. Cook spent the remainder of his career in education as a college professor and retired after more than thirty years of service. He had the reputation of being one of the great educators of his day.

Milton C. Warren

March 1, 1916 – June 30, 1931

Mr. Milton C. Warren, a graduate of Ohio State University, was born in Saltcreek Township in Pickaway County where he spent three years teaching in the township schools from 1901-1904.

From 1904-1907, he served as the superintendent of a rural school district in Ross County. In 1907, he went to Franklin County where he served as the superintendent of the Groveport schools until 1911. From 1911-1916, Mr. Milton C. Warren was the superintendent of the Mt. Gilead schools.

After fifteen years of being the Pickaway County Superintendent of Schools from 1916-1931, Mr. Milton C. Warren served as the superintendent of Pickaway Township School from 1933-1936.

Milton Shadrack Cox

July 1, 1931 – December 2, 1931

Milton S. Cox was born on September 23, 1867 in Vinton County, the son of James G. and Nancy Graves Cox and died in McArthur on April 1, 1944. His father, mother and three brothers were also teachers. He owned a 160-acre fruit tree farm near McArthur and was very interested in agriculture.

Mr. Cox attended the Morgan Brothers Normal School at Oak Hill, Ohio. He began teaching at the age of sixteen and taught for twelve years in Vinton County.

Mr. Cox served as the County School Examiner for several years in Vinton County. He was superintendent of the McArthur City Schools from 1919-1922 and of the Vinton County Schools from 1922-1931.

On July 1, 1931, he became the Pickaway County Superintendent of Schools but resigned on December 3, 1931 to accept the position of deputy commissioner of prohibition enforcement in the Ohio Department of Liquor Control where he served until 1939.

Mr. Cox was very active in the Democratic Party in Ohio. In 1889, he was elected to represent Vinton and Hocking Counties in the Ohio Legislature, serving in the 73rd Session of the Ohio General Assembly. Re-elected for another two-year term in 1900, he also served in the 74th Session of the Ohio General Assembly.

He attended the law department of Ohio State University in 1898-99 in order to gain more insight into Ohio law. He was the alternate to the Democratic Convention in Chicago in 1896 and a delegate to the national convention in San Francisco in 1920. During World War I, he was a clerk of the draft board, and was secretary of the war chest and the Red Cross. He ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant Governor of Ohio.

In 1918 he became the editor and owner of the Democrat-Enquirer at McArthur. Also, Mr. Cox became the editor of the Market News and Exchange Bulletin as well as the editor of the Vinton County School News.

In 1920, he was appointed supervisor of the Fourteenth Decennial Census for the Tenth Congressional District. He assumed his duties as chief of the Division of Markets in the Ohio State Department of Agriculture, in February 1923, at the request of Governor Vic Donahey. Mr. Cox also served as Justice of the Peace and Sunday School teacher in McArthur, Ohio.

David Lewis Buchanan

December 3, 1931 – July 31, 1934

David Lewis Buchanan was born on November 26, 1885 in Jefferson County, Ohio, the son of Philip Swart and Jennie Lewis Buchanan, and died on November 29, 1963 in Cleveland.

Mr. Buchanan graduated with a B.A. degree from Ohio University and a M.A. degree from Columbia University. From 1904-1906, Mr. Buchanan taught in the rural schools of Jefferson County.

From 1906-1908, he served as the principal of the Berghotz Schools in Jefferson County and was the superintendent of Wayne Township Schools in Jefferson County during 1908-1911. From 1911-1913, he was the assistant Toronto (Ohio) High School principal.

From 1913-1922, Mr. Buchanan was the superintendent of District No. 2 schools in Jefferson County which included schools at Adena, Smithfield and Brilliant, as well as the rural schools of Smithfield and Wells Township. He had 60 teachers working for him in these schools.

Mr. Buchanan also served as a member of the board of examiners of Jefferson County Schools for six years.

Before becoming Pickaway County Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Buchanan was the Sandusky County Superintendent from 1922-1925. He was also the Carroll County Superintendent from 1925-1931. He was probably the only person to serve as county superintendent in three different counties.

George McDowell

1934-1970

George D. McDowell was born in Summit County, Ohio, October 17, 1897, the son of J.W. McDowell. His father was a real estate broker. His grandfather, Luther McDowell, was a native of Wayne County, Ohio, and a relative of General McDowell.

George McDowell was educated in Summit County, graduating from Akron West H.S. He then graduated from Muskingum College at New Concord, Ohio, in 1920 with a B.A. degree and later received his master's degree from The Ohio State University.

Soon after graduating in 1920, he came to Pickaway County as principal for Jackson Township High School and in 1923 was made superintendent. At that time, the school was an eight room school building, and the teaching staff consisted of twelve teachers. There were two full time and two part time high school teachers. In grades one through eight the enrollment was 225, with fifty students in the high school. He remained as the superintendent until being selected as county superintendent in 1934.

Mr. McDowell served in education for 50 years, 14 at Jackson Township and 36 years as county superintendent. He retired on September 1, 1970 after beginning his career in September of 1920.

Mr. George McDowell was the most honored of all county superintendents and many residents in Pickaway County have fond memories of his time in office. He was enshrined in the Ohio Hall of Fame for his career in education in March of 1978.

Judson H. Lanman

August 1, 1970 – July 31, 1971

Mr. Judson H. Lanman spent his entire educational career in Pickaway and Ross Counties. After Mr. Lanman received his B.S. degree from Ohio State University in 1933, he took a teaching position at Walnut Township School. While at Walnut, he became a coach.

In 1940, he received his master's degree from Ohio State University. In 1945, Mr. Lanman became principal of the Williamsport School.

When the Westfall School District was formed, he became the first Westfall Superintendent in 1958 and remained in that position until he resigned in July 1970 in order to become the Pickaway County Superintendent of Schools. After one year, he retired from that office having spent 38 years in education.

However, Mr. Lanman did not stay retired. He accepted a supervisor's position with the Ross County Office of Education and after a few years, in 1977, he returned to the Pickaway County Office of Education as an administrative assistant until 1990.

Like his predecessor, George McDowell, Judson Lanman devoted over fifty years of his life to the schools in Pickaway County. He was well respected by the educational community.

Edward J. Martin

August 1, 1971 – February, 1980

Edward J. Martin received his B.A. degree and M.A. degree in School Administration at Eastern Kentucky University. He came to Pickaway County in August 1970 after serving fourteen years in the Battle Creek City (Michigan) School System as a teacher, counselor, junior high principal and high school principal at Battle Creek Central High School, which had a student enrollment of over 2.000 students in grades 10 through 12.

Mr. Martin resigned his position as high school principal in July of 1970 to become the general supervisor of schools in Pickaway County. In March of 1971, he was promoted to assistant superintendent and became Pickaway County Superintendent of Schools on August 1, 1971 upon the retirement of Judson H. Lanman.

While living in Circleville, Mr. Martin served on the Pickaway Chapter of the American Red Cross Board. While in his tenth year as Pickaway County Superintendent, Mr. Martin suffered from a terminal illness.

Upon his death in 1980, Mr. Jack L. Leaker, the assistant superintendent, became the interim superintendent until Mr. Don Dowdy was hired as the county superintendent.

Donald L. Dowdy

May 1, 1980 – December 31, 1997

Mr. Donald L. Dowdy was born on September 26, 1932 in Sciotoville, Ohio. He received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and his master's degree from Xavier University. He did post masters work at various universities. Before beginning his career in education, he served four years in the navy and was stationed in Hawaii during part of his enlistment.

Mr. Dowdy began his teaching career in 1959 as a business education teacher for the Bethel-Tate Local School District. After teaching there for five years, he became the director of business education for the Jackson Manpower and Training Center. From 1965-67, he served as the secondary supervisor the Clermont County Board of Education.

Before becoming the Pickaway County Superintendent of Schools in 1980, he spent thirteen years as a superintendent, three at Ripley-Union-Lewis Local and ten years as the Adams County Superintendent. At that time, Adams County (Ohio Valley) was the largest single local district county in Ohio. One of his accomplishments while in Adams County was the fact that he oversaw the building of the vocational school, the only one built in Ohio without going to the ballot.

Mr. Dowdy was very active in school affairs. He served as president of both the County Superintendents' State Association and the Southwest Ohio County Superintendents' Association. He also was on the state superintendent's task force for special education, board member of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA), chairman of the Ohio Appalachian Cooperative for Educational Services, and chairman of the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee.

While in administration, Mr. Dowdy received three commendations from the Ohio House of Representatives and three commendations from the Ohio Senate. He also received the Presidents Award and Outstanding Leadership Award from the Ohio Educational Service Center Association.

Mr. Dowdy was very active in the local SERTOMA (Service to Mankind) Club where he served as local president and was elected in 1994 as the international president of SERTOMA, which was a very high honor.

After retirement from education, Mr. Dowdy was employed as an educational marketer for Burgess and Niple Architects.

David L. Beavers

January 1, 1998 – Present

David L. Beavers was born on July 28, 1944, the son of Thomas and Thelma Davis Beavers. He graduated as the valedictorian of the 1962 Logan Elm High School. Mr. Beavers received his B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Ohio University in Athens and has done post masters work at various universities.

In 1966, he took a position as high school mathematics teacher at Circleville High School where he also served two years as math department chairman. In 1968, he took a similar position at Logan Elm High School and served seventeen years as math department chairman.

In 1985, he was hired as a curriculum supervisor for the Pickaway County Schools. Mr. Beavers became the Pickaway County Assistant Superintendent in 1993 upon the retirement of Jack L. Leaker and assumed the role of Pickaway County Superintendent of Schools on January 1, 1998.

Mr. Beavers received many honors, such as being selected the Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Delta Kappa, and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies, the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Educator of 1970 Award, DeMolay's Pickaway County Teacher of the Year for 1979, Logan Elm's Teacher of the Year Award from 1982-83, RCA Teacher Recognition Award for 1983-94, and the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Ohio Math Teacher of the Year Award in 1988. He was the second member inducted into Logan Elm's Hall of Fame.

Mr. Beavers served as State President of O.A.I.M.C. from 1991-1993, was president of the Pickaway County Historical Society, President of the Pickaway County Extension Advisory Board, Central Ohio Regional Professional Development Center Board, Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center Board, President of the Great Seal Governing Board, Pickaway County Foundational Grant committee, Chairman of the Washington Township Zoning Appeals Board, chairman of his church board and Sunday School teacher, and served on numerous boards in the local community.

He has also been an adjunct professor for Ohio University, Ashland University, Bowling Green State University, Rio Grande University, Wright State University and the College of Mt. St. Joseph.

Pickaway County Board Members

Board Presidents

C.D. Briner	1914-1917
William H. Shupe	1917-1921
E.A. Snyder	1921-1928
George Kirkpatrick	1928-1929
W.E. Lamb	1929-1930
Charles C. Heffner	1930-1932
Wayne A. Hoover	1932-1935
C.E. Dick	1935-1946
Howard Huston	1946-1954
Home Reber	1954-1960
Neil Morris	1960-1962
Wendell Evans	1962-1966
Judson J. Beougher	1966-1969
Wendell Evans	1969-1971
James W. Moody	1971-1972
Harold E. Lindsey	1972-1975
Nelson E. Jones	1975-1978
Everett Beers	1978-1981
Bonnie Hildenbrand	1981-1983
Charles Steinhauser	1983-1985
H. Eugene Lindsey	1985-1987
Nelson Jones	1987-1989
Everett Beers	1989-1997
Donald Strous	1997-2002
Betty Stickel	2002 -

Board Members

E.A. Snyder	1914-1928
C.D. Briner	1914-1921
John C. Stevenson	1914-1922
O.M. Dick*	1914-1917
William H. Shupe	1914-1924
George Kirkpatrick	1917-1930
W.E. Lamb	1921-1930
C.K. Hunsicker	1922-1930
Walter J. Marion	1924-1932
Charles C. Heffner	1928-1932
C.E. Myers	1930-1934
A.L. Stump*	1930-1930
Wayne A. Hoover	1930-1940
W.H. Barch	1930-1934
C.E. Dick	1932-1968
B.W. Young	1932-1942
A.J. Dunkel	1934-1938
James F. Willis*	1934-1955
S.J. Kendrick	1938-1942
Homer S. Reber*	1940-1960
Howard Huston	1942-1958
Frank C. Sharp	1942-1956
Wendell Evans	1955-1980
Neil Morris	1956-1963
Ralph Betz*	1958-1969
Paul Cromley	1960-1966
Judson Beougher*	1963-1969
Harold E. Lindsey	1968-2004
Nelson Jones	1969-2004
Nelson Stevens	1969-1975
James Moody	1966-1972
John Little	1972-1976
Bonnie Hildenbrand	1975-1988
Everett Beers*	1976-1997
Charles Steinhauser	1980-2004
Donald Strous*	1988-2004
Betty Stickel	1997 –
Byron Welch	2004 –
F. Richard Everman	2004 –
Ernest Lindsey	2004 –
Amber Bigam	2004 – 2005
Steve Jones	2005 –

* Died in Office

-Submitted by David Beavers

Circleville City School District

The material for this brief history of the Circleville City School District is taken for the most part directly from writings of long-time CCSD employee Virgil M. Cress. Mr. Cress' research of the storied history of the Circleville City Schools was published in a book titled The Growing Up of a City School System: History of Circleville Schools 1810-1976. The book was written as a part of our nation's Bicentennial Celebration of 1976. The Pickaway County Historical Society owns rights to the book.

Early Circleville schools followed the same pattern as schools all over the country. Like all schools of the early nineteenth century, only the fundamentals – reading, writing and arithmetic – were taught. Other subjects were added slowly to the curriculum as the years went by and more financial support became available. The early schools were ungraded. They received no assistance whatever from the state government until after 1826, when a bill was passed by the state legislature which acknowledged for the first time the state's responsibility for the literacy of its citizens.

Circleville has always been proud of the fact that a Circleville resident, Caleb Atwater, pushed this bill through the General Assembly. In this century, Caleb Atwater was honored by Circleville when an avenue and a handsome new elementary school, on this same avenue, were dedicated to his memory.

Until 1838, Circleville schools were subscription schools, of poor quality, existing with no supervision or control. By the late 1840's and early 1850's, graded schools had been started in most Ohio cities and towns, with Circleville falling into the same general pattern as other Ohio cities of similar size. The problems they faced throughout the years have been common to all school systems.

In the "Conclusion" section of Mr. Cress' book, a chronological history of the district is outlined . The Union School, begun in 1852, was the first truly "public" school in Circleville and the historical origin of the Circleville City School District.

Around the end of the 19th Century, the need for educational changes and crowded conditions were influential enough to enlarge the system by building three elementary schools as well as the remodeling of the old Union Schools. These new and remodeled facilities allowed the courses of study to be modernized.

In 1918, a new high school was built on South Court Street (this facility is known today as Everts Middle School) and was named Circleville High School. This newly-built high school replaced Everts High School.

Through the war and depression years, the district, like the nation, experienced good times as well as bad. Though no building programs were initiated, the students who attended the city schools continued to acquire a good education. Following World War II, the district again had the need to update its educational offerings and buildings.

The decades of the 1950's through the 1970's saw the establishment of four new elementary buildings – Atwater, Court Street, Mound Street, and Nicholas Drive. A new high school was built on the east edge of the city. The first graduating class for the new high school building was the Class of 1967. The former high school was transformed into a junior high. The construction and renovation of these facilities reflected both the need to move education forward post-Sputnik as well as the growth of the City of Circleville.

Education in Circleville and throughout the state and nation evolved in the decades of the 1980's, 1990's, and through the early part of the 21st Century to accommodate our society's need for highly-trained graduates. The ability for students to use technology, the capacity to transfer knowledge to application, legislated standards, school choice, No Child Left Behind and, accountability were all factors that have caused educators to evaluate what was being taught, how it was taught, and how to measure student achievement.

As this is being written in early 2005, the Circleville City School District is in the midst of addressing a financial crisis. Due to poor local and state economies, the financial resources available for meeting student needs have been substantially diminished. The resolution to this current emergency once again will come from the pride, vision and commitment to a strong educational system possessed by the residents of the Circleville City School District.

CCSD01- Circleville H.S. in 2005 & District office. School opened in 1966. Picture taken 2005.

-Submitted by Ty Ankrom

Logan Elm Local School District

The schools in Pickaway County and Hocking County followed the lead of Ohio legislation to better the schools in the state during the late nineteenth century. Even though many people in Ohio had a place in their hearts for the traditional little one-room schoolhouse, they voted in favor of consolidation of the smaller schools. At the turn of the twentieth century the Boxwell-Patterson Law was passed to give "children from rural area ... opportunities equal to those enjoyed by children in the cities" (History, 13). Ohio had celebrated 100 years of statehood and intended to keep its citizens competitive with the other states.

Salt Creek Township School was built in 1916 to consolidate nine small brick schoolhouses and one other shared with Pickaway Township (Bower,16). The small buildings and the increasing number of students had created a need for more space, and the new century required a more strenuous and varied curriculum than one single teacher could provide.

The little one-room schools were fast becoming a relic of the past. According to Gladys Rader Shepler, one of Pickaway County's oldest and most respected lifelong residents, nine small schools were consolidated in 1913 to form Pickaway Township Centralized School. Eighth grade students who passed the Boxwell Examination no longer had to prepare to go to Everts in Circleville for their high school education. Pickaway's first graduating class in 1916 boasted two students, Ruth Rice and Gladys Rader.

Washington Township School, built in 1917, was consolidated from six smaller schools. This solution worked for the first half of the century. Because of overcrowding forty years later, high school students there were given a choice of attending Circleville High School or Pickaway Township High School to finish their education. It was then, as early as 1957, talk had begun anew of consolidation and the need for a new high school to correct problems of overcrowding.

From Pickaway, Salt Creek, and Washington Township Schools, Logan Elm Local School District emerged in 1960. Originally the citizens of four local school districts had decided to be part of the Logan Elm consolidation: Pickaway, Washington, Salt Creek and Stoutsville. They were part of a movement in the era to allow small rural schools to unite in order to give students a more varied curriculum at the high school level than the smaller schools could offer. In fact the present location of Logan Elm High School is the geographic center of those four areas. However, the Fairfield County Superintendent, not wanting to lose an area of his county to Pickaway County, found an error in the wording of the original proposal that Stoutsville join the consolidation and had the proposal voided.

So it was that Washington, Pickaway, and Salt Creek formed the original Logan Elm School District in 1960. The high school was mostly completed, except for the gym, in September 1960. Students were not allowed to go all the way down the front hall because a plastic barrier was erected to allow construction on the gym to continue. The first class was graduated from Logan Elm in 1961. The student body decided that the mascot should be the Mingos, since that was the tribe of Chief Logan for whom the school was named. When the Board of Education found out that Mingos was the name of a renegade tribe, they modified the student selection to Braves. The brave's head logo for the high school was chosen from four drawn by Carl Smith.

Logan Elm School District continued to grow. To help the overcrowding at the elementary schools, in the fall of 1971 the 7th and 8th grades were brought to a new building located directly behind the high school, the George D. McDowell Exchange School, named to honor George D. McDowell, Pickaway County Superintendent from 1934 to 1970 (Beavers, 33). It not only housed the junior high classes, but it allowed space for the district to add for the first time kindergarten classes and elementary special education classes, improved the facilities for art and music and gave the high school access to a larger gymnasium. The Spangler Gymnasium was named for Michael Spangler, an athlete from the Class of 1965 who died in Vietnam.

In 1972 the Ohio Department of Education merged a portion of the West Hocking School District with Logan Elm School District. It included all of Salt Creek and Perry Townships as well as a portion of Laurel Township. The building complex we recognize today as Laurelville Elementary began as a 4-room brick building erected in 1913 on land donated by Allen Strous. As the need arose for additional classrooms and modernization, the school continued to expand. Now with the addition of 2+ townships in Hocking County, the Logan Elm Local School District encompasses approximately 212 square miles.

-Submitted by Logan Elm Local School District

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Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School District

In 1974, the Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center opened its doors as the Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School, at 895 Crouse Chapel Road, Chillicothe, Ohio, with a facility that contained over two acres of classrooms and laboratories. Sixty-one (61) full time teachers provided 25 vocational training programs to a student population of 510. The Vocational School was designed to serve as an alternate campus for 11th and 12th graders from the following eleven local school districts in Pickaway, Ross, Madison, and Hocking counties: Adena, Chillicothe City, Circleville City, Huntington, Logan Elm, Paint Valley, Southeastern, Unioto, Westfall, Zane Trace, and until 1986, Bishop Flaget. The general fund was $1,596,572. At the same time Adult Education programming opened its doors for short-term evening classes in Business, Trade and Industrial, Agriculture and Home Economics.

The Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School District Board of Education consists of eleven appointed members: three from the Pickaway County Board of Education, three from the Ross County Board, three from the Chillicothe City Board and two from the Circleville City Board. Organized on May 21, 1970, with Nelson Stevens (Pickaway) elected President, Gerald Radcliffe (Chillicothe) Vice President, Homer Beath (Chillicothe), Forrest Brown (Circleville), Thomas Elsea (Circleville), Nelson E. Jones (Pickaway), Wilbur L. Mundell (Chillicothe), Dr. George C. Schaaf (Ross), Eldon Shoemaker (Ross), and Lloyd D. Trego (Chillicothe). James Shope was appointed acting Superintendent.

Other members from Pickaway County who served on the Board have included: Vernie Stahr (Hocking), Shirley Wylie (Circleville), Wendell Evans (Pickaway), Bonnie Hildenbrand (Pickaway), Jean Droste (Circleville), Dr. Robert Liggett (Circleville), Dolores Dawson (Circleville), Dr. Thomas Ebenhack (Circleville), Amber Bigam (Pickaway), Dan Bradhurst (Circleville), Richard Everman (Pickaway), Byron Welch (Pickaway), and Chris Williams (Circleville).

Satellite programming was added at the beginning of the 1992-1993 school year. The Pickaway-Ross satellite instructors taught at least two, and as many as four, programs in Agriculture, Career Based Intervention, Work and Family Life, Marketing, Health Tech Prep, Interactive Computer-enhanced Academic Technologies, and Cooperative Business Education in the district's local high schools and junior highs. As a result, there was a marked increase in PRJVSD enrollment and the number of full-time teaching staff.

In 1993-94, the PRJVSD had grown to 169 full-time contracted teachers, a general fund of $10,125,277 and a student FTE (full-time equivalent) of 1,287.

At the conclusion of the 2003-2004 school year, in an attempt to remain within a limited state funding budget, the Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School District's full-time contracted staff had been reduced in force to 142. As a direct result of the reduction, the student full-time equivalence dropped to 1,078. However, 100% of the high school teachers were identified by the state of Ohio as Highly Qualified; 90% of the high school students who complete their program training were placed in jobs, the military or taking additional education; and since 1974, more than 6,000 high school students have been trained by Pickaway-Ross. In 2004 alone, 1,978 adults were trained in the Adult Education program with 850 of that number receiving specialized Emergency Medical Services and Fire Fighting training. To date, over 8,120 adults have been pre-tested for the PRJVSD Job Ready database from which manufacturing employers draw potential employees.

Superintendents for the district have included: Mr. Paul W. Hydell from June 2, 1972 to July 31, 1980; Mr. Raymond J. Pack from August 1, 1980 to February 26, 1988; Mr. Jack E. Derr from March 4, 1988 to July 31, 1995; Mr. Larry Graser from August 1, 1995 to December 31, 1998; and Mr. Brett H. Smith from February 1, 1999 to present.

For more information contact the Pickaway-Ross website at www.pickawayross.com.

-Submitted by Linda Trimmer

Pickaway~Ross Vocational School

Ashville Elementary, part of Teays Valley School District. Built 2003.

Teays Valley Local School District

Long before the Teays Valley Local School District was even a thought, Indian tribes inhabited the territory that is now known as Pickaway County. In 1785, townships of thirty-six miles were created from provisions of the Land Ordinance, with one section (one square mile) set aside for school purposes. Around 1797, the first white settlements were established, but it was not until 1810 that Pickaway County was established as a separate county.

Initially, schools in Pickaway County were maintained by subscription and these schools were followed by private school, which were commonly singe room log houses. Finally, public schools were created.

Major changes in the school districts occurred in December of 1957 when schools were realigned to create three districts in the county. Ashville Village, Harrison Township, Madison Township, Scioto Township and Walnut Township were organized as a new district. The presidents of the boards of these five districts combined to form a new Board of Education, and the first Board of Education of what would come to be known as the Teays Valley Local School District.

One of the first duties of the new board was to choose a name for the new district. The board members wanted to choose a name with either a historical or geographic significance for the district. One notable geographic feature of the area is the Teays River, which is a prehistoric river that runs underground. After consideration of other proposed names, Teays Valley School District became the new district's official name.

On July 1, 1958, Earl R. Gregg was named the first Superintendent of the newly created Teays Valley School District, and he served as superintendent for six years. Following Gregg's retirement, Benis Lutz became the Superintendent on August 1, 1964. Lutz held this position for 25 years until his retirement in 1989.

During Lutz's reign as superintendent, Teays Valley experienced a unique situation – split sessions. From 1971 until 1985 the middle school and high school students shared a building. The high school was in session from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m., and the middle school ran from 1:04 p.m until 6:35 p.m. Although there were varying opinions from community members, Lutz still believes this was the best solution to building restraints the district faced in the absence of expanded facilities.

The split sessions concluded in 1985 when the district opened the doors to the new Teays Valley Middle School. This came when voters passed a 3.5 mill bond issue, following 16 unsuccessful issues beginning on November 4, 1969.

Another significant change occurred in the Teays Valley School District in the 1970's, when Kindergarten was added to each of the three elementary schools in 1975. The current names of the elementary school buildings in the Teays Valley School District, Ashville, Scioto, and Walnut, date back as far as 1895. That is when the original Scioto building was built. It housed grades one through 12. An addition to the Walnut building was constructed in 1949, and a smaller Ashville building was built in 1953, housing students in grades one through three.

The present elementary schools stand on the locations of the original buildings, and now accommodate students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Some major construction has taken place at all of the buildings in the district over the past few years. In 2002, a new wing and cafeteria was added to the middle school. Then in the fall of 2003, the three elementary schools opened brand new buildings. That same year, major renovations and additions were completed at the high school.

One of the biggest changes the Teays Valley Schools have experienced over the years is growth in student enrollment. For example, during the 1962-1963 school year, opening enrollment was 537 students in grades nine through 12, with a total of 1,650 students in grades one through 12. Currently, there are 1,080 students in grades nine through 12, doubling the numbers from the 1962-1963 school year, and a total of 3,296 in grades one through 12.

The current Superintendent is Ronald Thornton, succeeding Lutz, who retired in 1989, making Thornton just the third Superintendent in the district's history. Throughout his years as Superintendent, he feels that the growing number of students has amazed him the most. As he looks to the future, he foresees continued growth in the numbers, which will bring about the addition of at least two new buildings.

"The future of the Teays Valley Local School District appears very bright. We have been blessed over the past couple of years to be able to provide excellent facilities for the students and staff and the financial condition of the district appears stable for the next five years. Academically, things are going well and the district has been designated as an Effective school district by the State of Ohio. The Teays Valley District will be an exciting place to go to school and to live as we continue to manage our growth and change with the geographical climate of northern Pickaway County," Thornton said.

-Submitted by Julie Lazzara

Westfall Local School District

The Westfall Local School District, Pickaway County, encompassing a 215 mile radius, was organized December 7, 1956. Initially the school district included Darby, Deercreek, Muhlenberg, Jackson, Monroe, Perry, New Holland and Wayne Townships. New Holland later transferred to the Miami Trace School District, Fayette County and Wayne to Circleville City School District.

Members of the first board of education, which held their meetings in the Muhlenberg School, included: Raymond E. Reiterman, President; Howard Newell Stevenson, Vice-President; Dr. Paul Fenstermaker, Hoyt Martin and Everett Grabill. Brice Connell was appointed Clerk.

Westfall has historical significance, being taken from an Indian encampment located on the Scioto River near the Wayne Township School. It was named after Caleb Westfall, a Revolutionary War hero. Other names suggested were: Darby-Deercreek, Western and Muhlenberg but the board adopted Westfall as the official name of the western consolidated school district.

At its inception, the Westfall School District had an enrollment of 1,344 elementary and 460 high school students. The annual operating expenses from July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957 was $517,502.65

Less than six years later, an ultimatum was presented to the board of education: Either consolidate the district's four existing high schools (Darby, Jackson, Monroe and Williamsport/Atlanta) or have them closed through charter revocation. This was a direct result of a State Board of Education referee who in January 1962, found the schools to be substandard in many ways and revoked the charters effective June 1963.

The board decided to place a bond issue on the ballot for plans for a consolidated school building capable of handling 1,500 students. It would be located in a centralized location.

After two unsuccessful attempts, the Westfall voters passed the $1,395,000 bond issue to build a new high school in May 1962. 47.906 acres was purchased from John R. and Frances B. Hildenbrand for $500 per acre. The land, nearly equally distanced from the four corners of the district, was at the intersection of State Route 56 and the Williamsport-Darby Road at Pherson in Muhlenberg Township.

The new high school, a 76,200 square foot one story brick structure, was proudly dedicated on Sunday, September 27, 1964. A large attendance graced the auditorium where remarks were give by: Raymond E. Reiterman, President of the Board; George D. McDowell, County Superintendent; Judge William Radcliff and the Executive Head of the District; and Judson Lanman. Additional comments were heard from William Kellam, Architect and C.W. Knowlton, General Contractor. The total cost of the structure was $1,416,652.35. This proud structure, which included a domed gymnasium, was the first new school built in Pickaway County.

Atlanta

The Atlanta grade school was built in 1903 and the high school was added around 1906. This was the first graduating class and the last graduation class was in 1960. In 1938 or 1939 a new part was added connecting the grade school and high school. During the 1940's the county basketball tournaments were held there. During the early 1970's property was sold to purchase the land where the new elementary had been built.

Darby

In 1916 the Darby Township School was constructed. There were twelve grades and its first graduating class was 1927. In 1937 an addition was built which included a chemistry lab, typing room, study hall, library, and gymnasium. In the fall of 1964 the new Westfall High School was completed and all high school students were transferred there. The Darby building continued to be an elementary and junior high until 1976. In 1976 the new Westfall Middle School was completed and the 6th grade through 8th grade was moved to the new school. In 2002 the new Westfall Elementary School was built, thus ending students attending Darby, but leaving a proud heritage.

Jackson

The Jackson Township Centralized School was built in 1911 and 1912. The first class graduated in 1914. This was the first centralized school in the State of Ohio. The $100,000 high school building was constructed near the site of the first building on a nine-acre tract. Cash financed the real estate purchased with the President and Clerk, by the authority of the Board of Education, signing one hundred $1,000 notes on January 15, 1930.

Monroe

The Monroe Township School System was centralized in 1914. The present building was ready for use in 1916. All twelve grades were originally included. In the fall of 1964 the high school students were transferred to the new Westfall High School. The Monroe building continued to be an elementary and junior high until 1976 when the new Westfall Middle School was built. In the fall of 2002 the new Westfall Elementary was finished and the building at Monroe was officially closed.

Muhlenberg

There were many schools around the area and in 1912 the schools were centralized into one school at Darbyville. In 1924 a building was completed that housed both elementary and high school until the late 1930's. At that time the State Board of Education declared the enrollment number to be inadequate to maintain the state charter. The high school students were removed to Jackson. The grade school was maintained at Darbyville until the 1960's just prior to the consolidation of the Westfall School District. Muhlenberg then became the meeting place for the Westfall Board of Education.

Westfall Elementary School

The new Westfall Elementary School was dedicated on September 8, 2002. The new Westfall Elementary School became the first new elementary school built in Pickaway County since consolidation began. At a total cost of $13,013,295.00, the new school combined students from Darby, Jackson and Monroe elementaries into a 90,977 square foot brick building with a capacity of 787 students in grades K-5.

Westfall High School

Westfall High School was the first building erected in the Westfall Local District. Grades 9-12 came from Darby, Jackson, Monroe and Williamsport to form the new high school. The brick one-story structure consists of 76,000 square feet situated on 46 acres of land with a 500 student capacity. Cost of construction was $1,416,652.35. The architects were Elam and Foley. The building was officially dedicated on September 27, 1964, with the first graduating class being in May of 1965.

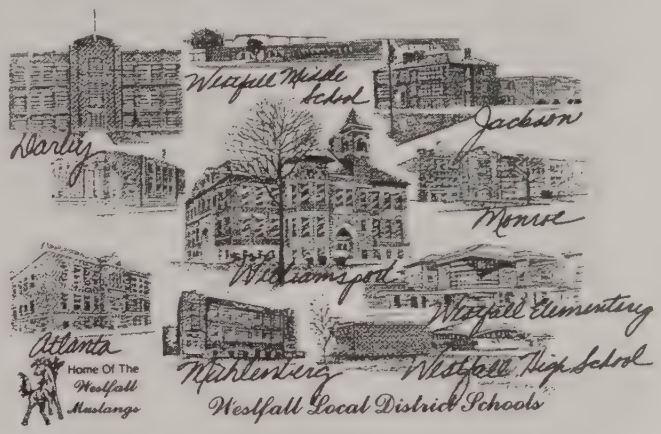
Westfall Middle School

The Westfall Middle School was opened in the fall of 1976. The middle school combined grades 6-8 from Darby, Jackson and Monroe. The brick one-story structure consists of 50,000 square feet. It is situated on the same 46 acres of land with the high school. The architects were Kellman and Smith.

Williamsport

The first school was conducted in 1818 in a log house. The second school was built of logs and in 1853 a frame building was constructed just south of the log school. In 1874 a two room brick was erected. On January 21, 1893 a new high school costing $15,000 was dedicated. The first graduating class was in 1891. In 1901 the building caught fire and was rebuilt and completed in 1902 where it continued to serve as a high school until 1964. The grade school continued until 1971 when they were transported to Jackson or Monroe. The building was torn down in 1974.

-Submitted by Peg Reiterman-Seus



Circleville Bible College

Circleville Bible College was established in 1948, welcoming ten students to its campus located on East Ohio Street in Circleville. In 1966 the campus was moved to a 44-acre property east of Circleville on Route 22 and has grown to a student body of over 450 in 2005. The Mission of the college is to provide a Bible college education in the Wesleyan tradition, welcoming students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

The college is authorized to grant associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees by the Ohio Board of Regents. It is accredited by the Association of Biblical Higher Education and a candidate for accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Along with religious studies to prepare students for pasturing, missionary endeavors, youth ministry, child care, missionary nursing and church music, there is opportunity for studying psychology, music education, teacher education and nursing.

Praise Memorial Church at Circleville Bible College.

The campus serves over 25 denominations and provides student housing in dorms and for married families in townhouses and mobile homes. The student-faculty ratio in 13:1, giving the opportunity for much interaction with professors.

CBC also offers an Adult Degree Education (AIM) Program whereby older adults attend classes one evening a week and receive a degree in various programs. There is also an extension site for these classes on the campus of Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio. Circleville Bible College is a member of the National Christian college Athletic Association, Division II and offers men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball, men's baseball, as well as many opportunities for intramural sports on campus.

The campus consists of seven mail buildings, with the Melvin and Laura Maxwell Library located in the center of campus. The library was recently expanded in size and volumes and is open to the general public.

For any information regarding Circleville Bible College, please call 740-474-8896 or visit our website at www.biblecollege.edu. Visitors are also welcome to the campus for tours and information.

Top Photo: Charles and Dell Barr inside their Tarlton store.

Middle photo: Barr Brothers Store in Tarlton. Charles Barr at the door.

Patrons – Businesses

Bottom photo: Martin's Store in South Bloomfield, Ohio about 1930. Claude "Bogie" Wells and Ivy Martin standing in the foreground.

Anderson Insurance Group

Anderson Insurance Group was established in 1979 under the name Anderson/Stevenson Insurance Agency. Terry Anderson and Steve Stevenson, both having 10 years of experience in the business at that time, decided to sell life insurance on their own. They converted 430 North Court Street into an office and started their venture with two agents and one secretary.

In May of 1982, Terry had the opportunity to expand and added the property/casualty side of the business. Debbie Williams joined the staff as a Property/Casualty agent in 1986. The agency continued to grow in sales and staff, so Terry saw the need to build a larger office. A 5200 square foot building, which was once a SOHIO Station, was completed in June of 1986. With a staff of 4 agents, 3 staff members, and the handprints of his daughter, Cindy Anderson, in the cement, he re-named it Anderson Insurance Group.

Anderson Insurance Group has remained at 906 North Court Street since. We are an independent agency, able to help people with many insurance needs – auto, home, life, health, estate planning, and financial planning. Terry has been awarded the distinguished Million Dollar Round Table recognition for the past 30 years. MDRT is an international association of the world's best life insurance and financial service professionals.

Our agency has many goals and at the top of the list is continued growth. For over 36 years, Terry has serviced the community along with Steve Stevenson and Sam Reeser. Debbie Williams has now been with the agency for 19 years and Cindy Moats, Terry's daughter, joined the agency in 2000 as an agent. Nedra Betts took over the accounting in 2002 from Rachel Bell who retired after 19 years.

Terry sums it up by adding, "It's been a great experience with this profession in working with people and their needs. We are really excited about the coming future."

-Submitted by Terry Anderson

L to R. Steve Stevenson, Sam Reeser, Terry Anderson, Cindy Moats, Debbie Williams and Nedra Betts

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Berger Health System

Berger Hospital, Circleville, OH 1930

In 1925, Frank Berger, a prominent farmer and cattleman, bequeathed land and funding for his dream, the creation of a community hospital. Because he and his wife, Sarah, were concerned about the well-being of others in Pickaway County, not only was a portion of the estate appointed for building, furnishing and providing equipment for Berger Hospital, but also for its support. There were others who shared the Bergers' dream; among them, "Circleville's Favorite Son," Ted Lewis.

The dream came true on June 29, 1930, when Berger Hospital opened its doors. It was of Mediterranean architecture with rough yellow-brick walls and a red-tiled roof. All of the patients' rooms, with a total of 23 beds, were furnished by societies and individuals. Many of them in memory of dear ones, including the maternity ward which was not only furnished, but also financed, by Ted and Adah Lewis in memory of his father.

The staff of the original Berger Hospital consisted of all the physicians and surgeons living in Pickaway County who were also members of the Pickaway County Medical Society. Miss Marie Robertson, the first Superintendent of Berger Hospital, who had worked in some of the largest and most renowned hospitals in the United States, said that Berger Hospital was a gem in a perfect setting and a blessing to the people of Pickaway County.

In 1949, a joint agreement between the City of Circleville and the Pickaway County Commissioners made Berger Hospital a city/county owned and operated hospital. A few years later, in 1954, work began on an obstetrics wing. Ten years later, the need for a new obstetrics wing arose and following its construction, the original wing was converted and utilized as the Emergency Department. The growth continued when, in 1976, a bond issue was passed for the construction of a new hospital facility. On December 17, 1979, the building we currently know as Berger Hospital opened and the original 1930 building was then torn down. In 2005, the completion of construction of a 45,000 square foot medical office building and a 15-bed same day surgery center marked significant growth for the organization. This year a new cancer care center will also be developed. An Ambulatory Care Center is currently under review for development in northern Pickaway County on Route 104. In addition, property in the South Bloomfield/Ashville area is expected to be the site of a second Berger Hospital based on current population growth predictions.

At this writing, Berger is celebrating its 75th anniversary. What was once a 23-bed hospital is now a 95-bed acute care hospital within a health care system. The Berger Health System's various affiliates include Pickaway Health Services, a multi-specialty physician group with offices in Circleville, Laurelville, Commercial Point and Ashville; The Women's Health Center; The Outpatient Diagnostic Center; The Clyde I. Deffenbaugh Occupational Health Center; The Maternity Center at Berger Hospital; The Rehabilitation Center at Berger Hospital; Hospice of Pickaway County; Pickaway Professional Services (Anesthesia Group); Circle of Caring; and Hocking-Pickaway Laundry Service, and the Berger–OU-Chillicothe Nursing Program.

Needless to say, growth and changes come at a cost. In an editorial column in the Circleville Herald on June 27, 1930, appeared the prediction that "...as years pass, Berger Hospital will pay for itself many times over, if not in dollars and cents, then in the hearts and souls of our people." The truth in this prediction is evident not only in the care and services provided by Berger Health System today, but also in the 75 years of steadfast and true dedication by the community to Frank and Sarah Berger's dream.

-Submitted by Kelly Feeley

Berger Hospital 2005

Brehmer Greenhouses

Established 1887

Original House at greenhouse,. 800 N. Court Street, 1903.

John J. Brehmer was the son of Jacob Brehmer, a German immigrant. John grew up in Chillicothe, Ohio and worked in several Ohio rose nurseries including the Reigel nursery in Adelphi, Ohio before establishing his own business.

In 1886, he purchased 11 acres of land of the east end of Circleville, Ohio and established Brehmer Greenhouses. The location was on Sumpter Avenue which at that time went south from Mound Street to Ohio Street. The business was a combined nursery and florist shop.

After four years, John relocated to the old fairgrounds on the Folsom place. It was on the east side of Court Street across from the old residence of R.L. Brehmer, Sr. which is at 581 North Court. Business continued on this site for 13 years. John then purchased land at the present location of 800 North Court Street in 1902. This consisted of 2.5 acres, including a two-room brick farm house, a typical period peg and pin barn, and a potato cellar. All are still on the site.

In 1903, three glass greenhouses and one glass lean-to were built by John J. Brehmer. Twelve thousand square feet were under glass. In front of the biggest greenhouse was an office and workroom. From this room was a ladder down to the furnace which he also built. The stoke hole, as he called it, used logs for fuel. The logs were harvested from local woods during the summer. The furnace fed into the walls of the greenhouses which were made of brick and were hollow. The hot gases from the burning wood circulated through the walls, heating them and the houses, before being exhausted through a vertical chimney.

J.J. Brehmer had a black horse named Babe that he used for all deliveries. The horse pulled either a flat bed wagon or a covered van that had ledges on both sides to hold flats of flowers for the cemeteries. Before Decoration (Memorial) Day, Mr. Brehmer would drive his wagon around to neighboring communities and ring the wagon bell. People would come out and pick the flowers they wanted for the cemetery and John would travel to the grave sites to plant them.

The greenhouse changed hands for a short time in the 1930's. J.J. Brehmer retired and sold the business to a Jack Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell went bankrupt within two years and the business was sold at a Sheriff's sale. Robert L. (Bob) Brehmer, Sr., who was the son of J.J. Brehmer and owned a Ford agency in town, bought the greenhouse back. Raymond G. Groce became the grower-in-residence at the old farm house on the greenhouse property. An alarm system was wired into the house so that if the temperature in the greenhouses became dangerously low the alarm would sound. This became valuable on several occasions when the boiler malfunctioned in the middle of the night. It saved several crops of flowers.

Bob Brehmer enjoyed cross-breeding carnations for new hybrids. One of his notable successes was a large fragrant white carnation named Shangri-la. It was written up in all the grower's publications by the Ohio Florist's Association. For several years, Bob propagated thousand of cuttings and shipped them to growers all over the country. Brehmer Greenhouses continued to grow carnations until 1989, when records showed that it became more costly to grow carnations than to buy wholesale carnations shipped from Central America. The business was one of the last to grow carnations east of the Mississippi River.

Another success was Bob's famous Mortgage Lifter tomato. It was a cross between a Ponderosa and a Rutger. The result was a large low acid, meaty tomato. Some weighted over five pounds when mature. People came from as far as West Virginia to purchase Mortgage Lifter plants.

Bob Brehmer was a charter member of the Ohio Florist's Association, served on the board, and became the third president. Brehmer Greenhouses also became a member of Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association (FTD) in 1935 and remains a member today. Bob was involved in the greenhouse business until his death at age 91.

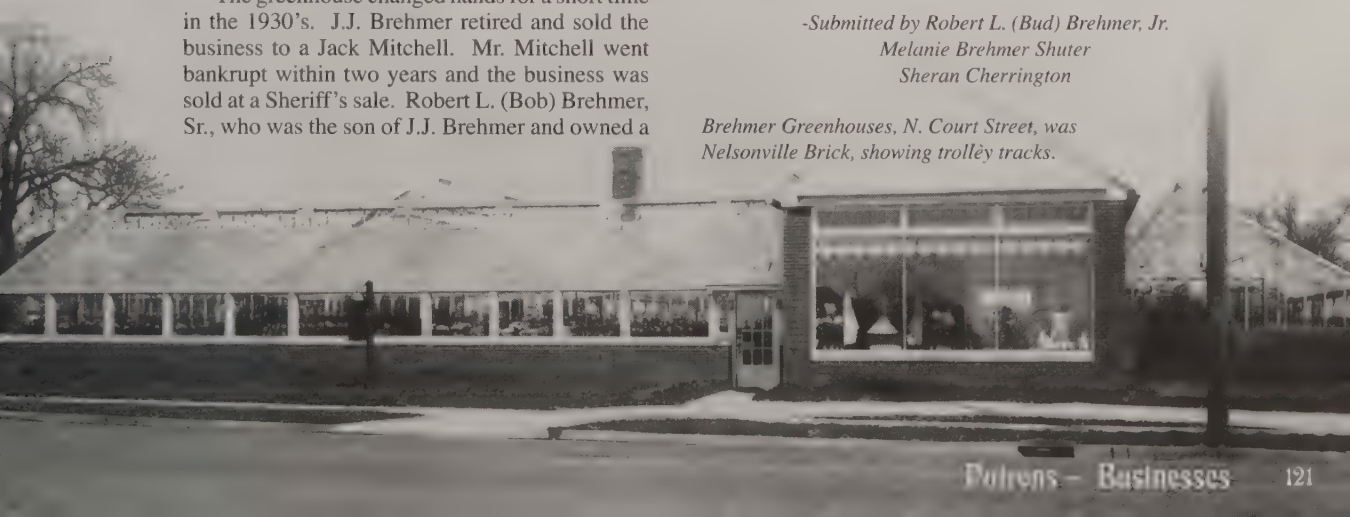
His son, Robert L. (Bud) Brehmer, Jr. returned to Circleville after World War II. Bud became a co-partner in the business, along with Joseph F. Bell, who married Bud's sister, Elsie Ann. Bud and Joe operated the greenhouse until 1986 when they decided to retire.

The greenhouses were sold to a previous employee, Pete Cherrington, who worked for Bud and Joe during high school and then became the grower-in-residence. Bud stated that it felt as if he was selling the business to a family member. Pete, his wife Sheran, and their daughter, Connie Ramey, have operated Brehmer Greenhouses from 1986 to the present time.

Holiday customers have always found the greenhouses filled with seasonal plants such as Christmas poinsettias, fragrant Easter lilies, or assorted bedding plants for spring planting.

-Submitted by Robert L. (Bud) Brehmer, Jr.
Melanie Brehmer Shuter
Sheran Cherrington

Brehmer Greenhouses, N. Court Street, was Nelsonville Brick, showing trolley tracks.



The Citizens Bank of Ashville

Established 1894

The Citizens Bank during 1920s-1930's. E.W. Seeds is standing in the doorway with other employees, Ethel Allison Fridley, Fred Hines, and unknown gentleman.

James Ward and William Martin Miller were engaged in business at Ward & Miller Grain Company when they recognized the need for a bank to serve the community's financial needs. Farmers, who had been using the Grain Company as a bank, and other merchants and citizens of the community, could now take advantage of a full service banking institution. Thus, The Citizens Bank of Ashville was organized in 1894. Work commenced in May 1894 for the new bank building. By August 1894, the new safe had arrived and the bank furniture was in place. The doors opened for business on August 2, 1894.

Articles of Incorporation were filed on June 17, 1918, with the State of Ohio, when the bank was reorganized from a private bank to a state bank. With the incorporation, ownership of the bank was transferred from the individual owners through a trustee to The Citizens Bank of Ashville as a corporation.

Mr. E.W. Seeds joined The Citizens Bank in 1918 and was CEO for over 50 years before retiring in 1973. He was followed by Eugene Wilson who operated in this capacity until his retirement in 1987, when Calvin Gebhart was appointed President/CEO.

During the depression, President Roosevelt declared a bank holiday March 6, 1933, which continued through March 9, 1933. The bank holiday affected all financial institutions causing them to close their doors until they were licensed to reopen. The Citizens Bank received its license to reopen March 15, 1933.

The bank went through a major renovation in 1973 when the Helser Hardware Store next door and the bank building were combined to form one building. In 1979, the drive thru facility was built where Frank Oakes and Joe Reis' Union 76 Station had been. The Commercial Point Branch was opened in 1986, followed by the Circleville branch in 1990. In 1998 the Commercial Point Branch moved into the new bank building at 1 Main Street.

The Citizens Bank has seen many changes and innovations in the past 100 plus years. In 1894, the bank functioned with 2 employees; gaslights, hand posted entries, and showed a total asset value of $113,585.00. Today, our asset size is $86 million. We offer our customers online banking, bill paying, telephone banking, ATM services, as well as traditional customer service.

We have watched our community grow and prosper. The main driving force behind the bank's success has been to remain community minded, serving the financial needs of the community and providing friendly, courteous service that is typical of an independent financial institution. The community's success is truly the basis of our success.

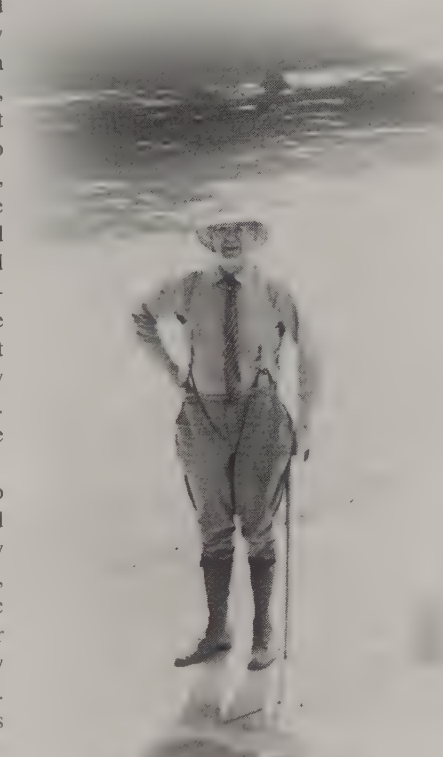
The interior of The Citizens Bank of Ashville – Pictured are William Martin Miller and Mae Morrell during the early days of operation.

Charles Gerhardt

Charles Gerhardt was born March 28, 1870, and grew up on his father's farm in Walnut Township. He attended Walnut Township Schools, Ohio Normal University (now Ohio Northern), BA and LLB and The Ohio State University, Advanced Law. In 1895 he took and passed the bar exam. Charles' law practice began in 1896 in Circleville where he formed a partnership with John Schleyer and ended at his death in 1946.

Charles, who spent his entire life in Pickaway County, was the son of George and Caroline (Blum) Gerhardt. His father came to America from Boden, Germany in 1858 as a young man of twenty-six. For a short time, George (1832-1890) was a dishwasher in New York City. Like his father, his mother also came to America from Germany (Hassen-Darmstadt) and worked in Ohio and Pennsylvania. They met in Chillicothe, married, and started a family and a farming career in Ross County, near Kingston and later moved to Walnut Township. They had three sons and two daughters: George, Edward, Charles, Katherine, and Caroline, all who became farmers except for Charles. Katherine died at age 14. Even though he was discouraged by his father; after several years of farming, Charles grew restless, and at the age of twenty, he decided that farming was not for him; he would go to college and study to be a lawyer at Ohio Northern University. His brother, George, sent him money on the condition Charles would not tell "Dad".

In 1903, he married Edith Gantt, who was born in Zanesville. He also was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Pickaway County in 1903 and served for two terms. In 1908, he opened a law practice in the Masonic Temple where he practiced by himself for 24 years. He did not employ a secretary until the last three years of his practice. He answered his own telephone, made his own coffee, and typed his own letters. He was the first person in Circleville to own a typewriter. Charles and Edith had two sons: Nelson, who died as a baby, and in 1908, George Edward.



Charles Gerhardt, at age 70 in August of 1939, starting on his Sunday 10 mile walk.

In 1912, Charles and several other prominent citizens of Pickaway County founded the Circleville Savings and Banking Company and he served on the Board of Directors for the next thirty-two years. Over the next twenty years Charles, joined by his brother, George, and some other local citizens, also founded a number of other companies and organizations, among them Pickaway Grain Company, The Pickaway County Farm Bureau, and the Pickaway Country Club. Charles also served as a member of the Ohio Board of Pardon and Parole from 1915-1917.

Charles belonged to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Circleville. Coming from a strong German background of Lutheranism, he was very active in church and rarely missed a religious gathering until he and the Rev. George Troutman had a dispute over his membership and strong support for the Masonic bodies. Because Charles had been so strongly affiliated with his church, it was a disappointment when his son decided to join his mother's church and become a member of the Community United Methodist Church. Fraternally Charles was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons and Tyrian council N. 60, R.S.M., Improved Order of Redmen, Knights of Pythias, and the Pickaway Lodge No. 23 F&AS Masons. Politically he was a Democrat and for many years served as a member of the Executive Committee.

After a stroke in 1930 and upon his doctor's advice, he became an avid, and somewhat famous walker in Pickaway County, sometimes covering 20 miles at a time. In 1932, after putting his son, George Edward, through law school at Ohio Northern University, Charles and his son opened a law practice together at the Masonic Temple building.

Charles' son, George Edward, married Dorothy Alys Riegel (see her mother, Sadie Bolender Riegel's biography). George Edward continued the tradition of serving on the Savings Bank Board for years and was also elected Prosecuting Attorney of Pickaway County and later Circleville City Attorney, a position he held when he died in 1956. He was notorious for his practical jokes on Dr. E.L. Montgomery, Link Mader and for his hunting beagles, Laddie and Cassie, and fishing with barber Ginny Merriman.

In 1943, Edith, Charles' wife of forty years died. In 1945, Charles married Agnes A. Gantt, who was the sister of Edith. In Charles' later years, his two biggest joys were the births of his two grandsons, George Charles and Richard Lee. His walks by this time had become shorter, and he would take his grandsons with him and proudly display them to anyone he could.

George Charles graduated from Ohio University in 1960 and enjoyed a 35-year career as a banker starting at the Second National Bank of Circleville and later with BankOhio and National City Bank.

Richard Lee became the 3rd generation to graduate from Ohio Northern University in 1963 and then Georgetown University Law Center in 1966. He returned in 1966 to the same offices in the Masonic Temple in Circleville to practice law. Richard became the 3rd generation Gerhardt to be elected Prosecuting Attorney of Pickaway County after serving as Mayor of Circleville.

Charles' grandson, George Charles, had 3 children (wife, Barbara Allen of Circleville) Mark, a physician; Beth, a registered nurse; and Matt, a banker and Richard Lee had 2 children (wife, Marie Baldwin of Newburgh, New York) Kara, a communications/media spokesperson and Richard III, a fourth generation attorney. A more detailed biography of Charles Gerhardt can be found in the Pickaway Quarterly, Fall 1987.

-Submitted by Richard and Charles Gerhardt

Law Partnerships Continue for 160 Years

Henry F. Page began the practice of law in Circleville in 1845. Hon. Isaac Abernethy formed a partnership with Page in 1878. Richard Simkins became Abernethy's partner in 1919. George D. Young joined Simkins in the firm in 1947. Thomas F. Tootle became an Associate of George D. Young in 1973. In the 1980's James Denny Kitchen was a partner in the firm for a short period and Gary Robert Dumm entered the practice in 1991.

Although there were earlier lawyers in Circleville and Pickaway County, (Joshua Folson-1810, Caleb Atwater-1812, Richard Douglas-1815, Joseph Olds-1819, Jonathan Renick-1840 and John A. Lutz) most left for practice in larger cities and faster growing communities. The first exception was Henry F. Page who was born in Circleville, graduated from Miami University at Oxford, attended Harvard lectures and conducted a vigorous practice while representing Pickaway County in the Constitutional Convention of 1873-1874. He acquired a large body of choice land in Champaign County, Illinois and three (3) farms in Pickaway County. At his bequest, the land was sold for One Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Dollars ($165,000.00) and given to The Ohio State University. Page Hall, formerly housing The Ohio State University Law School, remains his legacy to this day. Page's bookcase remains in the law firm's office today at 180 West Franklin Street in Circleville.

Hon. Isaac Abernethy (1844-1932) of Virginia English Heritage, was born in Ross County but reared on a farm in Monroe Township, Pickaway County. He earned his education at Ohio Wesleyan during 1860-1866 and admitted to the Bar in 1868. He settled in Circleville with H.F. Page. He served as Prosecuting Attorney, Pickaway County Bar Association Presdient for man years, served as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Fifth Judicial District for five (5) years. He was one of the first Professors of The Ohio State University Law School. The "Grand Old Man" died in 1932, though to be the oldest practicing lawyer in Ohio.

Richard Simkins came to Circleville as a progressive young attorney in 1919 and became the partner of Judge Isaac Newton Abernethy. Born in Clarksburg, Ross County, Ohio, he attended The Ohio State University as an undergraduate and attended the Backus School of Law, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He practiced law with expert interpretation, administered in a practical way with the confidence of his clients.

George D. Young became associated with Attorney Richard Simkins in 1947 in the practice of law with offices in the IOOF building at Court and Main Street in Circleville. He graduated from Kingston High School and The Ohio State University School of Law. Attorney Young returned to practice law after serving five (5) years as a Captain in the World War II U.S. Army Military Intelligence compiling evidence for war trials. This experience established Young's keen insight to direct civil and criminal cases and he served as Pickaway County's Probate and Juvenile Judge from 1949-1955.

Thomas Franklin Tootle graduated from Circleville High School and Ohio Wesleyan University. After spending two (2) years in the U.S. Army, he received his Juris Doctor degree from Ohio Northern University. He passed the Bar in 1973 and became an associate in the George Young Law Firm. The offices were moved from the upstairs Court and Main location to 180 West Franklin Street in 1977, a readily accessible location on the outer edge of the original circular lay out of Circleville. The large bookcase of Henry Page is still used by current members of the firm at this location.

J. Denny Kitchen was a partner of the firm in the 1980's. He was born in Ross County, Ohio on November 12, 1939, and admitted to the Bar in 1970after graduated from The Ohio State University that year. He had formerly been associated with the Leist Firm also in Circleville, Ohio.

Gary Robert Dumm joined the firm in January, 1991. He was born January 1, 1952, graduated from Ohio University in 1973, studied law at Capital University Law School, graduating in 1977. He started practicing law in the City of Circleville in the same year.

This long standing law firm now Young, Tootle and Dumm, continues to assist people professionally with legal problems, to probate estates, to defend the innocent, and to represent them before the Courts of Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Tom Tootle

Pickaway County Fair

On October 15, 1834, the first Pickaway County Fair was held. There was a period of twenty years before there was another Fair. Sometime around 1858, the Pickaway County Fairgrounds Association was formed. A fair was held for several years.

Again, around 1876, a Fair Association was formed and 18 acres were purchased. In 1887, notes were sold by a corporation organized under the then laws of the State of Ohio and was named the Pickaway County Fair Company. This "new" Fair was conducted for three years.

After a period of almost sixty years, a new modern Fair was discussed. In 1944, the Pickaway County Agricultural Society was organized. A 60-acre tract of land was purchased on November 3, 1944 for $13,000. About one-fourth of this tract was located in the east edge of Circleville and the balance in the county. One day later this tract of land was given to the Pickaway County Commissioners to conduct a County Fair under the control of the Agricultural Society.

The fair was an outgrowth of a desire to furnish an area for the youth of the county to display their exhibits and projects.

In 1921, Robert Wylie came to Pickaway County as its first county agent. Rural boys and girls were starting to learn "how to make the best better" in homemaking and agricultural skills. One 4-H club goes back to 1915. The first junior fair board was organized in 1936. Girls' 4-H and miscellaneous projects were exhibited in the Armory and boys' animals were in tents behind the Armory. These projects were displayed during the annual Pumpkin Show. In 1943 and 1944, no Pumpkin Show was held, but a Junior Fair was held on Franklin Street and in several business buildings along that street.

By 1946, one building had been erected and housed 4-H exhibits, but the livestock was still housed in tents. There were 462 4-H members and 45 advisors recognized at the annual banquet.

A half-mile track, said to be one of the finest in Ohio, was completed just a few days before the Fair. This track was used for the first time during the September 11-14, 1946 Fair. Lights were installed to provide a well-illuminated track.

Fireworks, a full-fledged circus, harness races, open livestock exhibits, horse and pony show as well as the 4-H and FFA displays were all part of the 1946 Fair. The admission price for the Fair was forty cents over 12 and free for anyone under 12. A Fair membership was $2.

Thirty years later (1976) 4-H membership reached 2,598 which was 29.8% of all youth (ages 9-19) in Pickaway County.

In 1947, the Coliseum was built for $80,000 after 15 years of planning by the Pickaway Agricultural Society. Just before Pearl Harbor, the society was ready to let contracts for construction of the building. The war delayed the construction. After the war, contractors bid well over $100,000.

Bypassing routine procedure, the society made a contract with Raymond Rader, Circleville contractor, to handle construction supervision on a flat fee basis. The society purchased all the materials at wholesale list, along with cash discounts and paid for all the labor, saving about $20,000 on the construction. For many years, this building served as the location of the Pickaway County basketball tournaments.

The first fair board members for the new Pickaway County fairgrounds were: Bernard Young, Forrest Short. H.A. Strous, Lewis Halderman, Russell Palm, Ned Dresbach, Ben Gordon, Ralph Fisher, and John Beryl Stevenson.

When there wasn't enough money to pay all the bills, the fair board members paid the bills from their own bank accounts. The members did this willingly because they thought it was important for the youth of Pickaway County to have a place to show their projects.

On July 1, 1948, the Pickaway County Harness Club was formed, and secretary receipts were signed by George A. Fissell. Local horsemen were: George A. Fissell, Forrest Short, George W. Van Camp, Clarence Helvering, Merle Thornton, Emmitt Ebenhack, Art Mace, Wayne Martin, Porter Martin, Bern Shidaker, Raymond Westenbarger, Art Morris, Clarence Myers, Clarence Wolfe, Ed Shellhammer, Phil Markley, Joe Wolfe, and Robert Taylor.

The Jaycees, led by John Fissell, sponsored harness matinees each spring to help obtain money to build a grandstand along with the help of the harness club, as partners, who furnished the drivers and horses for the venture. The grandstand was erected for harness racing, horse shows, and Fair events.

Sixteen years later while Glenn McCoy was president, the biggest change was moving the fair from the valley in front of the grandstand to the hill.

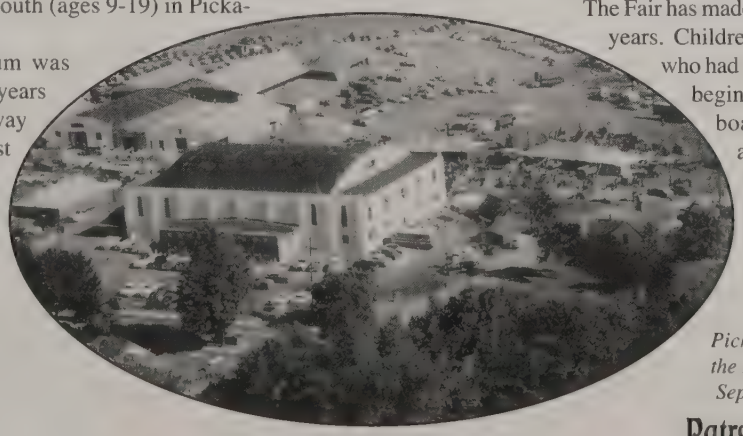
Before there was a fairgrounds, 4-H members showed their animals on Franklin Street as part of the Pumpkin Show.

Sixteen years later the fairgrounds graduated from a 4-H type fair to a modern-type fair. It was decided by Glenn McCoy, president of the fair board at this time, to add more features to the fair to attract non-4-H by having musicals and mechanized entertainment.

Another change was moving the fair from August to June. It is now the first fair of the state.

The Fair has made much progress in the last 60 years. Children and grandchildren of those who had an important role in the Fair's beginning are now serving as fair board members, 4-H leaders, and supporters of the present County Fair.

-Submitted by Sara Short



Pickaway County Fairground the last day of the fair, Sept. 13, 1958.

Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District

Cub Scout Bear Pack 55 (From Pickaway Elementary) November 8, 2004 "Soil Lesson' at Co. Services Building. Erosion Control Model. L to R: Karen Halley, PSWCD Education Coordinator, Bear Members, Zach Putree, Wyatt Woolever, Ben Caplan.

On May 13, 1944, ninety-nine Pickaway County landowners filed a petition with the Ohio Soil Conservation Committee for Pickaway County to be organized as a Soil Conservation District; now known as Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

The purpose of the proposed District was to provide farmers technical assistance in voluntarily changing their farming practices in an effort to eliminate erosion and other loss of valuable land.

County-wide voting by the farmers took place on September 9, 1944 and 86% of the 311 votes cast were in favor of the creation of the Pickaway County Soil Conservation District. F. Kelsey Blair, Pickaway County Agricultural Agent, sent a letter to Pickaway County landowners announcing the favorable vote to organize the district and that the next step was to elect the governing board of five supervisors. Supervisors are responsible for developing the local programs, obtaining and disbursing funds and setting priorities. They also have the authority to hire district staff and to oversee all district activities. A ballot was enclosed with the letter and landowners could mail their ballot, or go to the County Agricultural Agent's office, located in the basement of the Post Office on Court Street, Circleville, Ohio, or to the Farm Bureau Office at 159 East Main Street to cast their vote.

Pickaway County residents and landowners elected their first District Board of Supervisors on December 9, 1944. They were Chairman, Ralph E. May of Circleville; Vice Chairman, Frank A. Beatty of Orient; Secretary, Lawrence R. Liston of Circleville; Treasurer, Stewart E. Beers of Ashville; and Member, Wayne F. Brown of Groveport. Supervisors serve three year terms and receive no pay for their service.

Secretary of State, Edward J. Hummel, certified the Articles of Incorporation of the Pickaway County Soil Conservation District on April 14, 1945 making it the 32nd District in Ohio.

The first major objective of the District was to secure technical help. A memorandum of understanding and plan of work were negotiated by the Board of Supervisors with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in 1945. The SCS, now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the federal agency that provides technical assistance to the District. James A. Muster, Soil Conservationist, was the first SCS employee assigned to the Pickaway County District.

A landowner having a soil and/or water problem and wanting to find a solution, applied for assistance at the district office, housed in the Knight of Pythias building at 114 _ North Court Street in Circleville. The fee for applications was $3 for farms up to 500 acres and $1 for each additional 100 acres above 500. After the board approved the application, the District would furnish technical aid through the SCS in planning and applying the practices needed to correct the problem.

During the District's first year, soil surveys were made on the farms of five applicants. There sever seven applications for conservation farm plans covering 1,148 acres of farm land. During the District's second year, fifty-seven farmers applied for and received assistance in developing conservation plans for their farms totaling 9,993 acres.

On January 8, 1951, Donald V. Archer of Caldwell, Ohio assumed duty as SCS, Soil Conservationist, taking James Muster's place.

In January of 1906, Bernice Hunsinger was hired as the first District employee. She worked as part-time Clerk for three days a week and was paid $1.50 per hour by the district.

Robert Bower was hired on March 21, 1966 as the first District Technician.

Shirley Bowser was sworn is as first female Pickaway SWCD Board member in 1978.

The District office has moved to various locations in Circleville: (1950) Sieverts Building above the Cussins & Fearne Store at 122 North Court Street, (1951) 159 East Main Street, (1960) 206 _ South Court Street, (1966) 1450 North Court Street, and (1989) 110 Island Road, County Services Building.

Although the District was originally established to assist "agricultural" landowners with erosion problems, today technical assistance is also provided to urban landowners as well as governmental offices. Equally important to the Board of Supervisors is providing natural resources conservation education to all youth and adults in Pickaway County.

The District is a local subdivision of the State of Ohio and receives funding from the County Commissioners and State Legislature.

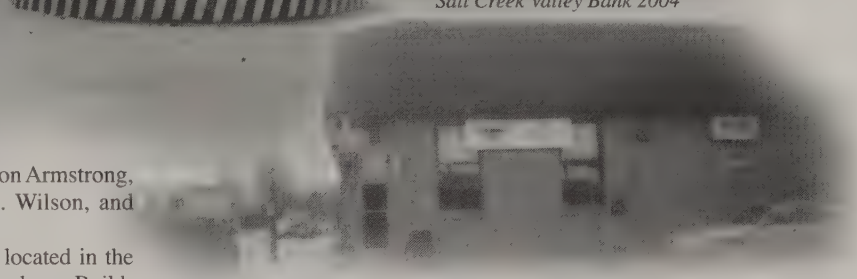
The current staff (SWCD & NRCS) and Board of Supervisors are: **SWCD** – District Technicians, *Lloyd F. McManus, Jr.* (1979), *Douglas A. Kohli* (1981), *Darren Romshak* (2004), and intern, *Chris Pancake* (2005); Office Administrator, *Sue A. Lumley* (1994); Education Coordinator, *Karen J. Halley* (1995); and Administrative Assistant, *Tawn G. Seimer* (2000); **NRCS** – District Conservationist, *Dan E. Garver* (1989); Civil Engineering Technician, *J. Robert Skidmore* (1984); and Soil Conservationist, *Joe Weber* (2003); **SWCD Board of Supervisors:** Chairman, *C. Randall Metzger* of Williamsport (1990); Vice Chairman and Treasurer, *S. William (Bill) Black* of Ashville (2000); Secretary, *Bradley C. Zwayer* of Groveport (2004); Member, *Donald E. Minor, Sr.* of Kingston (1985); and Member, *Vickie L. Sheets* of Mount Sterling (1999).

-Submitted by Karen Halley

January 13, 2005. Staff & Supervisor in field looking at Conservation Plan and surveying . L to R; SWCD Supervisor, C. Randall Metzger, SWCD Doug Kohli, NRCS Joe Weber, SWCD Darren Romshak, and Mack McManus.

Salt Creek Valley Bank

Salt Creek Valley Bank 1940



Salt Creek Valley Bank 2004

The Salt Creek Valley Bank was started January 8, 1901 by a group of five residents of the Laurelville area to provide a banking service for the community. These men were: George D. Mowery, Milton Armstrong, George S. Reichelderfer, D.K. Wilson, and W.F. Armstrong.

The office of the bank was located in the northeast section of the White Hardware Building on the south side of the village square.

In 1909, Mr. George D. Mowery and Milton Armstrong were appointed to look for a site to build a bank building. The bank continued to operate in its original location while the committee was looking for a building site.

On the 28th day of November 1922, the owners made application to form a corporation. The capital of the corporation was $25,000.00 consisting of 250 shares of Common Stock with a par value of $100.00 per share. The subscription books were opened December 1, 1922.

The purpose of forming the corporation was to purchase the Assets, Liabilities and Capital of The Salt Creek Valley Bank, Unincorporated, and to continue the operation of the organization in Laurelville, Ohio for the benefit of the residents of the Laurelville community.

In 1925, the Board of Directors, seeing the need for a new Bank building began planning by appointing a committee to find a suitable site. This committee reported back to the Directors in their February meeting saying the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Water Street was available. After discussion, the committee was authorized to purchase this lot for the construction of the bank building.

The Board decided to build the building by contracting with different companies to construct different parts of the bank building. The concrete work was done by hired labor. The contract for the brick, stone, and labor was awarded to A.F. Mowery at his contract bid of $2,575.00

In March of 1933, The Board of Directors passed a Resolution to limit withdrawals from checking account and certificates of deposit to 5% of the balance to conform with a law passed by the Ohio General Assembly and emergency measures taken by the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Treasury. This resolution was to be in effect for a period of 60 days due to the economic conditions throughout the United States. In December 1933, the bank applied for membership in the new formed FDIC.

In April 1937, Gwendolyn Dent Egan became the first female employee of the Salt Creek Valley Bank. She eventually became the first female officer of the bank, and worked until her retirement in 1983, after 46 years of service.

In 1942, the bank hired Thomas D. Rose. Mr. Rose became a director of the bank in 1951. He was promoted to the Presidency in 1980 and served until 1992. Mr. Rose retired as Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2001, at which time his daughter, Laura Louise Hinton, was elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

In July 1968, the Board contracted with H.J. Upperman and Sons to repair the camage caused by the food that had ravaged the Village of Laurelville.

The Board decided to purchase the restaurant adjacent to the bank building in 1968. The Carroll Brothers of Chillicothe were hired to remodel and add the first addition to the current building. The first drive thru system was installed at this time.

In 1978, the bank purchased its first computer. The bank also purchased a used proof machine at this time.

The bank continued to prosper and grow over the next few years. Discussion of a second addition began in 1986. This addition added a second drive thru lane. The addition was completed in 1987.

During the next years, the bank continued to change and upgrade its computer systems to keep the pace with the changing technology. In 1999, the bank began offering ATM/Debit Cards. Our first ATM was installed at the main bank. Currently, the bank has 7 ATM/Cash dispensers.

In April 2000 the Board decided to redecorate the interior of the bank in preparation to celebrate the bank's 100th anniversary in January 2001. The redecorating was completed by year-end 2000, in time to celebrate *"A Century of Service and Dedication"* to Laurelville and its surrounding area.

In 2002, Salt Creek Valley Bank opened its first branch location inside Young's Family Market in Pickaway County. The extended hour branch allowed customers the convenience of doing their banking where they shopped.

In 2004, the second branch of Salt Creek Valley Bank was opened in the Village of Tarlton. Donna Thornton serves as Branch Manager and Carolyn Wharton is the Loan Officer at this location.

Salt Creek Valley Bank remains your full-service, independent community bank, and we look forward to meeting all of your banking needs.

-Submitted by Bruce Fout and Earl Later

The Savings Bank™

SmartBanking™

Member FDIC

Circleville – Ashville – Williamsport

A Stock Subscription meeting was held on January 15, 1912 to start The Circleville Savings and Banking Co. The bank was started with sixteen (16) Stockholders. On March 1, 1912 the first Board of Directors was elected which were: Dr. H.C. Allen, John C. Goeller, H.M. Crites, J.R. Noecker, F.E. Archer, Philip Herrnstein, Frederick Barnes, G.W. Runkle, Dr. W.L. Peters, Charles Gerhardt and J.J. Mast. Later the directors elected the first officers: Philip Herrnstein, President; H.C. Allen, Vice President; J.R. Noecker, Secretary-Treasurer; and Charles Gerhardt, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. After receiving their State Charter in April 1912, the Superintendent of Banks of Ohio authorized The Savings Bank to open their door for business in the first location at 110 N. Court Street. In 1913 the bank moved over to a small portion of the first floor at 118 N. Court Street in the building historically known as the Pythian Castle. In 2001 major renovations and a much needed elevator was added and the bank now occupies the entire building.

The first drive up facility was opened in 1964 located on what is now The Savings Bank parking lot on the corner of North Court Street and Pinckney Street. On December 31, 1977 the bank entered into the ever changing world of technology by advancing from a totally manual "hand posting" system to computers. In 1988 the first automated teller machine was installed.

Bank officials recognized the need for customers to have the ability to pay back their loans a little at a time and became the first bank in Pickaway County to offer installment lending. They were also the first bank the county to offer home equity lending as well as the first to produce imaged statements.

Presidents over the years include: 3/1912 – Philip Herrnstein; 3/1917 – H.C. Allen; 2/1932 – John C. Goeller; 8/1954 – Turney M. Glick; 1/1966 – Marvin G. Steely; 9/1975 – Walter J. Garner; 2/1979 – L.E. Priest; 4/1989 – Harry J. Clifton; 4/1991 – to present – Stephen A. Gary.

In 1987 the bank built the lobby/drive in facility at 120 Pinckney Street. Over the years the bank found it necessary to expand geographically to better serve their customer base. On August 15, 1983 The Savings Bank expanded to the northeastern part of the county by purchasing the Ashville Bank, located at 18 Long Street and later on February 29, 2000 built a new office at 501 Long Street. On January 28, 1991 the bank purchased the office in Williamsport located at 200 Water Street, serving the western part of the county. The Savings Bank is proud to be the largest locally owned bank in Pickaway County as it has grown to an approximate asset size of $200,000,000.

-Submitted by Beverly Martin

EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Shifty's Tavern

Shifty's (122 South Washington Street) has been a neighborhood tavern in Circleville for many decades. This welcoming wayside tavern was built around the 1930's by a local who had gained some notoriety as a boxer. He had been gifted with the nickname of "Shirty" based on his quick feinting foot movements when facing his opponents in the ring.

Shifty's Proprietor, Jeff "Mac Daddy" McClanahan, moved to Pickaway County during the late 1970's while stationed at Rickenbacker Air Force Base. He was born in Springfield, Ohio and raised in Xenia, Ohio, but Jeff's desire for owning a tavern extended back to his family's Kentucky heritage.

Jeff traced his family ancestry back to Ireland, where his great, great, great, great grandfather James McClanahan immigrated to America in the late 1700's. During the early 1800's, the McClanahans purchased the Old Stone Tavern near Blue Licks, Kentucky. Located at the intersection of "Smith's Wagon Road" and the Ohio-to-Alabama mail stagecoach line (now called Route 68), the Old Stone Tavern is where Jeff's ancestors served drink and food to neighbors and travelers for 100 years (five generations of McClanahans). Tavern local, frontiersman Daniel Boone, likely visited the tavern.

Whether through his family lineage or his own personal calling, Jeff longed to own his own tavern. Like his ancestors, Jeff wanted his tavern to feel comfortable to neighbors and their families – and convey an inviting and welcoming atmosphere to travelers passing by. Jeff saw that Shifty's offered this environment and bought it after being a 20-year patron. He closed the deal and became Shifty's Proprietor in 2001 – after the Ohio State-Michigan game. Former owners of Shifty's include William J. Massie; Beverly A. Congrove; Bucker and Sally Moss; and Rick Weller with brothers Joe and Brad Schneider.

Jeff believes a major reason families and travelers like Shifty's is its neighborhood feel – 75 percent of Shifty's patrons are locals. Whether stopping by for the first time or taking a seat at your usual spot, you'll be personally met at the door by Jeff or welcomed by his son, Kevin, who assists his dad by tending bar – the McClanahans care about their patrons and genuinely want them to enjoy their visit. Jeff says the best part of being Shifty's owner is "the people I get to meet. The difference in Shifty's from other taverns is the diversity. We don't just have one group of people that stop by. We have college students, retirees, lawyers, bikers, tattoo artists, graphic artists, politicians, farmers, housewives, business men and women, and construction workers. The motorcyclists stop in after hearing about Shifty's from their friends when they are out touring or returning from a poker run. Name the profession and they come to Shifty's. We watch a lot of college sports and talk about what's happening locally."

Shifty's has inspired musician patron Tom Harker to write and record *Sittin' Down at Shifty's*. Lilybandit named their CD and title song, *Shifty's Tavern* and included a photo of Shifty's on their CD cover. A music video and other film footage have been shot within the small tavern's walls. "Musicians and videographers like the old-timey, neighborhood feel of the place," explains Jeff.

Despite the long traditions – third and four generations of families visit Shifty's – Jeff wanted to add his own touch. One was is covered with pictures of family, friends, and patrons; five televisions are tuned to a variety of sports broadcasts; a new jukebox plays background music; tournament trophies are on display, and women are now tending bar. Jeff laughingly recalls hiring women. "Years ago Shifty's was a stag bar – only men were allowed. When I first started hiring women to tend bar and then I brought on Dawn Huff to manage it, some of the folks weren't too sure about it. "Now," he chuckles, "everyone is fine with it." Jeff held his granddaughter's (Sydney Marie McClanahan) first birthday party at Shifty's. "Yeah," smiles Jeff, "Shifty's always has a wide mix of age groups and now both genders are represented."

Shifty's seats about 40, including room for 10 at the bar, and employees a dozen people in addition to McClanahan family. Jeff's fiancee, Beth Howell, along with her son, Stephen, ensures the family atmosphere extends into the kitchen. "We hand cut our own fries," she says. "We take special care to make sure our cheesburgers are the best in town. I even prepare Shifty's sauces (tartar, mustard and buffalo wing) from my own recipes." In addition to great cheesburgers, Shifty's serves quesadillas, buffalo wings, and perch on Friday and Saturday nights. Tuesday's Frog Legs night has been popular fare – patrons can even buy a whimsical t-shirt with Jeff's "Mac Daddy" logo to commemorate their visit.

Shifty's offers a wide assortment of mixed drinks and 28 varieties of beer – draft, bottled, domestic and imported. Shifty's bar tenders are well versed in mixing the most popular college drinks as well as pouring the more traditional cocktails. Jeff occasionally keeps requested beer brands in stock when regulars express an interest.

Like any good neighbor, Shifty's contributes to the local community. Shifty's sponsors several softball teams and local race cars, including dirt track, funny cars and mini-tractors. Shifty's sponsors an annual golf outing supporting Crohn's and colitis disease research and contributes to the Brooks Yates Center School for the disabled.

While the food, drink, and inviting atmosphere draw visitors to Shifty's, it's the friendly people that keep them coming back. Jeff guarantees, "If you don't know anybody when you go into Shifty's you'll know somebody by the time you come out."

This article is dedicated to Oscar Mogan, a 60-year patron of Shifty's.

-Submitted by Dr. Tammy McClanahan Johnson

The Stout Companies

J.B. Stout

William A. Stout

John W. Stout

The Stout Family has been in construction in the Circleville area since the early 1920's. Over the years, the business has built or remodeled many structures in Pickaway County and surrounding counties. The company started in 1924 when J.B. Stout assisted his father, William H. Stout, in the construction of small concrete bridges on township roads and farm lanes. Three years later he was driving a solid tire Republic truck for The Ringgold and Son Co. helping to install the first brick section of Route 23 to Columbus.

J.B. Stout started a trucking company in the late 1930's and became a partner in the Stansbury & Stout Company with Harold Stansbury. In 1938-40 the company built the Telephone Company on Pinckney Street. During World War II they totally rebuilt the Container Corporation factory. In addition, they built government housing, just west of The Ohio State University (now Grandview) for military and veterans attending there. Following WWII they remodeled the Crist Building at Court and Main for the Gallager Drug Company. They also built the Sunoco filling station on North Court Street and Montclair. Later in 1980 they remodeled it for Dr. Robert Tootle's dentist offices.

In 1945, J.B. Stout went on his own and opened The Zero Locker plant on Edison Avenue in Circleville and Ashville. He then built Boyd's Inc. next door which sold plumbing and heating supplies. He also sold the first Zenith television in Circleville.

In 1952, J.B. Stout started the Knollwood Development Company and laid out 45 lots for Knollwood Village located in Washington Township in Pickaway County. The J.B. Stout Company built many Scholtz Homes in the development and the village is now eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1958, he developed the Lincolnshire Subdivision consisting of eight homes located behind Atwater School. In 1958 his son, William A. Stout, returned from the Army and joined the Corporation with J.B. as Chairman and William as President.

In 1960 they developed 113 lots in the Garden City Subdivision and Garden Plaza Apartments. (The Company built most of the homes and all of the apartments during the next 8-10 years.)

They also started Stout Investment Company to purchase various properties such as, The Circleville Ice Plant, Circleville Lumber Yard, Norfolk and Western Railroad Station, Marshalls Feed Elevator, the 5 & 10 cent store at Court and Main, and the Pickaway Arms to restore, remodel or resell over the years.

The J.B. Stout Company thru 2004 has built over 200 homes, 30 plus new commercial buildings such as The Third National Bank – The 3rd National branch, The Scioto Building and Loan, The YMCA, Columbia Gas Company offices, Union 76 gas station, Hummel & Plum Insurance offices, H & S Garage, Dr. Rickey's office, Wardell Carpets, The 2nd National Bank of North Court Street.

The company did remodeling, restoration and major additions on over 50 buildings such as Mader Funderal Home, Defenbaugh Funeral Home, Lindsey's Bakery, Savings Bank lobby, Circleville Herald, Circleville Oil offices, J.R. Hooks Restaurant, Community United Methodist Church, Dr. Robert McCoy office, Court and Main (Peck's Hall), Harden Chevrolet, Owens Illinois, Ashville Cardinal Market, Ward's Cardinal Market, Brown Memorial Home, Cook's Creek Golf Course to name a few. Also over 100 residential and small restorations and remodeling. To name a few, Block's Shoe Store, Fitzpatrick's Printers, Circleville Fire Departement, Pickaway County Historical Society, Tinks, Dale DeLong Insurance, Dr. Emily Lutz, St. Joseph's Church, St. Phillips Church and residences of John Stevenson, Charles Pockras and Tom Rodenfels.

They built three apartment complexes. The first was a 12-unit building at 137 Watt Street in 1958. From 1960-1969 the company built 50 units in Garden City on Plaza Drive. Finally they started Valhalla LLP and built 45 units on Lewis Avenue. Valhalla also started Hargus Clinic LLP on Lewis Avenue consisting of 5 medical offices.

Grandson, John W. Stout, joined the firm in 1985 and in 1987 the company reorganized following the death of J.B., with William A. Stout - Chairman, John W. Stout – President, and Cheryl K. Stout – Secretary. William formed Bill Stout Realty in 1970 for real estate sales and property management. John heads up the management section of the properties. John and Cheryl formed JCEE in 2003 to manage their apartments at 137 Watt Street.

To the present time Stout Companies continue to work on remodeling and apartment management in the city of Circleville.

-Submitted by John Stout

The Circleville Oil Company

The Circleville Oil Company was incorporated in April, 1924 and according to its charter, the intended purpose was for the buying, selling and trading in gasoline, kerosene, lubricating oils and greases and other materials. The first stockholders meeting was held on April 24, 1924 at the Chamber of Commerce Room in the Masonic Temple. The stockholders elected Glenn R. Nickerson, G.A. Schleyer, Edgar Barrere, E.E. Wolfe, Irvin Snyder, R.L. Brehmer and W.H. Nelson as Directors. Officers elected were Glenn Nickerson, Chairman and W.H. Nelson, Secretary.

The original stockholders were listed as: Glenn Nickerson, Edgar Barrere, W.H. Nelson, E.E. Wolfe, R.L. Brehmer, H.D. Jackson, Earl Rader, R.G. Colville, Mader Ebert, Denny Shelby, F.B. Brunner, I.F. Snyder, Edward Crist, J.M. Feustel, C.R. Barnhart, W.E. Wallace, H.E. Betz, L.D. May, Theodore Steele, H.G. Stevenson, J.D. Hummel, Nelson Baker, Joe Lynch, Frank Hamilton, Frank Wean, Wilson Cellars, George Gerhardt, and G.A. Schleyer.

Company Presidents through the years were: Glenn Nickerson, 1924-1936; Robert Brehmer, Sr. 1937-1970; Robert Call, 1970-1980; Richard O. Mader, 1980-1984 and Norman Wilson, 1984 to present.

Company General Managers were: Les May, 1936-1956; Ted Steele, 1956-1969, Robert Call, 1970-1978; Norman Wilson, 1978 to present.

The company's operation was originally located on West Mound Street consisting of a bulk plant and office. A retail gasoline site was soon added and in 1934 the retail site was moved to 301 N. Court Street. These two locations are still in operation in the same buildings. In 1941 there was a disastrous fire at Mound Street, which destroyed the office, garage and three trucks. In 1992 the company expanded into the convenience store business and in 1996 entered into the propane business. In recent years the company has expanded into the fast food business and currently owns and operates four Subway restaurants.

Over the 80 years in operation the company's business has grown and expanded to where the 2004 annual sales were over $42,000,000.

-Submitted by Norman Wilson

Defenbaugh-Wise-Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation Service

Defenbaugh-Wise-Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation Service has been serving Pickaway County families for many generations. Founded originally before 1840 in Tarlton, the funeral home was eventually moved to its present location on East Main Street in Circleville.

Daniel S. Deffenbach began making coffins as part of his family business in the Laurelville and Tarlton area. Daniel was well respected in the area as a woodworker and builder of organs, as well as a cabinetmaker. He began constructing fine coffins, which led to the founding of the Defenbaugh Funeral Business in Tarlton.

Daniel's son, Peter, assumed ownership of the business and built the funeral home at the corner of Main and Harrison Streets in Tarlton in about 1843. Peter passed the business on to Stephen after the Civil War. Stephen continued the business until several years prior to his death in 1919. His son, Harley, succeeded Stephen in the funeral business.

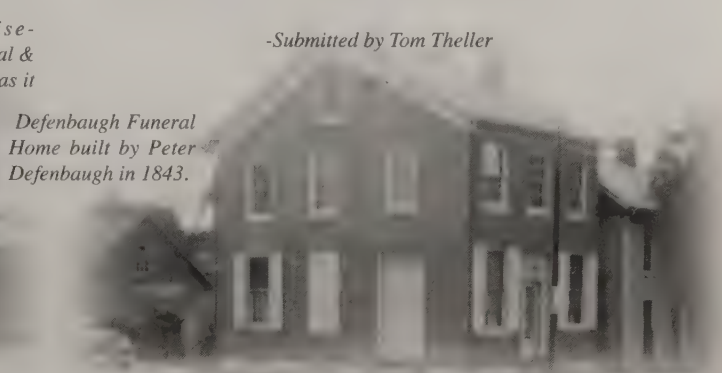
Harley "Harl" became involved in the late 1800's and completed his embalming training in 1902. Harl was active in the growth and development of the business and was instrumental in the decision, along with his son William, to move the business to its current location on East Main Street in Circleville in 1940.

The last generation to participate in the family business was Harl's sons, Harold and "Bill". Harold and Bill were active in the operation of the business until Bill's untimely passing in 1961 and Harold's later retirement. The funeral home was sold to Jack V. and Marilyn Wise who continued their ownership until February 2001.

In 2001 the funeral home became affiliated with Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation Service who maintains ownership presently. Schoedinger was founded in 1855 by German cabinetmaker Philip Schoedinger. Today, Schoedinger is in its 6th generation of family ownership serving all of central Ohio with 11 locations.

-Submitted by Tom Theller

Defenbaugh-Wise-Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation Service as it looks in 2005



Defenbaugh Funeral Home built by Peter Defenbaugh in 1843.

Dentistry

Dentistry in Circleville has a long history dating back to 1830. In earliest times a dentist visited Circleville for a few weeks at a time to provide treatment for those in need. As time passed, dental colleges in Cincinnati and Philadelphia provided a professional education for these turn-of-the-century dentists practicing in Circleville: Clark, Lilly, Corne, Towers, and Hitler. Great advancement was made from then until the present time with broader knowledge and improved technology.

Dr. Robert M. Tootle graduated from Circleville High School, Ohio Wesleyan University, and The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. In 1980 he purchased the Sunoco Station at the corner of North Court Street and Montclair Avenue. The property was once a part of the original fairgrounds in Circleville, and later became part of the Dr. Howard Jones estate. It was then sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ned Grooms who sublet the property to Joe Jenkins as a gasoline and auto repair station. Thus, in 1980 it evolved from a filling station to a "filling station."

Dr. Tootle designed a modern office with four dental operatories, and practices family dentistry with all modern methods of treatment. Additions to the office were completed in 1991 and 2002 to increase treatment, sterilization, and business office space. Comfortable and adjustable chairs, immediate x-rays, more attractive and durable restorative materials, and effective medications are some of the benefits of modern dentistry.

-Submitted by Dr. Robert Tootle

Before 1980

600 N. Court Street after 1980

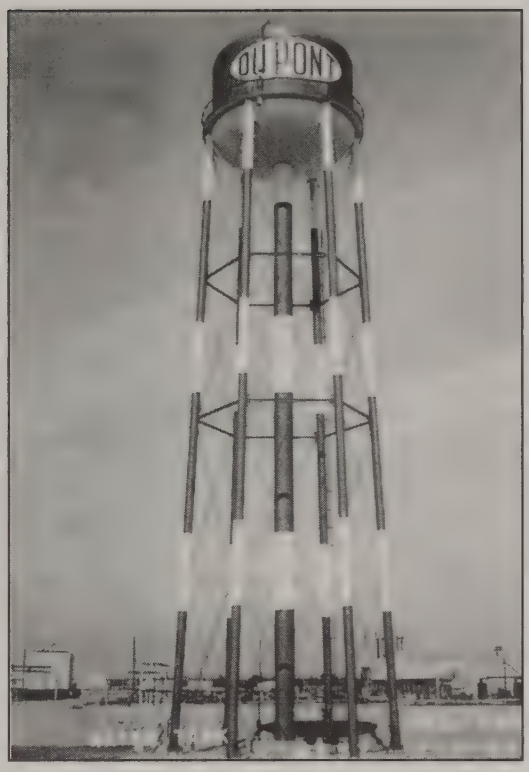
Then & Now

Serving Pickaway County Since 1977

Pictured above is Dennis V. Shaw, D.D.S. erecting his 'shingle'along with Dr. E.L. Montgomery, who removed his shingle after 30 years at that location. Their office once stood where CVS is now located, 213 East Main Street. Pictured right is Dennis V. Shaw, D.D.S. welcoming James D. Ely, D.D.S. as his practicing partner.

DuPont

Circleville site established 1954



The DuPont Circleville site was commissioned in 1954 as the first commercial polyester film manufacturing facility in the world. Mylar, polyester film is still produced at the site, today, for applications including video base, solar window protection, and flexible packaging.

Four other businesses have been added to the site over the past 50+ years, with associated manufacturing, research, sales, and marketing facilities and staffing. Those businesses are Kapton, polyimide films, Teflon, fluoropolymer films, SP Resin for Vespel, machineable parts and shapes, and Advanced Glazing Products.

DuPont is currently the largest industrial employer in Pickaway County, at 540 full service employees and over 200 contract partners. The company is known for excellence in safety and environmental stewardship, and for using new technology to drive improvements in product quality and manufacturing efficiencies.

Based in Wilmington, Delaware, DuPont delivers science-based solutions for markets that make a difference in people's lives in food and nutrition, healthcare, apparel, home and construction, electronics, and transportation.

-Submitted by Mike Dutton

Metzger Insurance Agency

Williamsport, Ohio

L to R, Back: Larry Sowers, Drema Conrad, Robert Metzger, Crystal Sowers, & Pat Metzger.

The Metzger Insurance Agency has been family-owned and operated for 37 years. Business was originally purchased from George C. McGhee, who established the McGhee Insurance Agency in 1925. George C. McGhee was an uncle to Robert H. Metzger. In June, 1968 Metzger Insurance Agency was established by Bob and Patricia "Pat" Metzger, selling only property and casualty lines. Their first office was located in their home at 425 S. Water Street, Williamsport. In 1981 Bob and Pat added crop insurance, writing directly with FCIC. In 1986 their daughter, Crystal Metzger Sowers, joined the agency. In 1992 they purchased property at 404 Mill Street and remodeled for the present home of the Metzger Insurance Agency. The following year their son-in-law, Larry Sowers, joined the agency. Crystal and Larry have two children, Chance Hiram Sowers and Cassie Lynn Sowers. In September 1999, Drema Evans Conrad joined the agency. Drema resides in Circleville and is married to David Conrad and they have four children – Matt, Josh, Nathan and Brittany.

-Submitted by Patricia A. Jones Metzger

404 Mill St.

Rhoads Farm Market & Garden Center

Circleville's Oldest Farm Market & Garden Center, Established 1958

In 1958, Robert Rhoads encouraged his son, Brent, to sell some of their excess sweet corn at the end of their farm lane. There were $8 in sales that day selling corn for $0.50 a dozen, tomatoes $0.25 per pound, and eggs $0.45 a dozen. The farm stand was operated by Brent, Robert and his wife Lurose, and Bill Friece, Lurose's father.

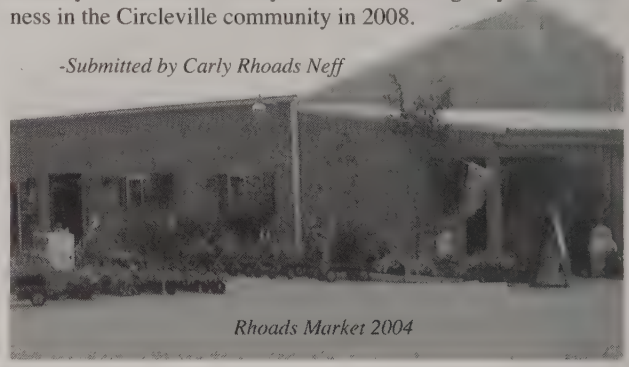
Brent, who was 9 years old that summer, was up each morning picking sweet corn, opening the stand by 10 a.m. and closing at dusk. The open-air market continued until 1961 when Rhoads Farm Market moved to a 10'x15' building at the intersection of Hitler Road and St. Rt. 56. Products that were sold included their own homegrown vegetables, fruits, local eggs, their own whole hog sausage, Amish meats and cheeses, and bedding plants. In the early years, Hartford Renick and Paul Eitel grew melons for the stand, and Rev. Elsea grew strawberries.

The family business remained a season market, open three to four months a year, while Brent obtained a degree in horticulture at The Ohio State University and served two years in the Army. In 1972, Brent and his new wife, Kathy, returned to the farm and realized it was necessary to enlarge the business in order to support two families. By the mid 70's the market expanded to a full service farm market and garden center by adding trees, shrubs, mulch, garden supplies and landscaping. A 1978 fire in the main farm market building prompted further expansion of buildings and greenhouses.

In 1980 Brent and Kathy purchased the store from Robert and Lurose. In 1981 a countywide hailstorm caused the local Cole Nursery to close. This event allowed Brent to enter the wholesale tree nursery business; now known as Split Rail Nursery. The nursery produces 110 acres of shade trees, evergreens, shrubs and Christmas trees and the family farm grows 150 acres of fruits and vegetables, which are sold at the farm stand, farmers markets, and wholesale.

In 2005, the business is still family operated by Brent, Kathy and children, Brett Rhoads, Carly Neff, and her husband, Jeremy. The store is located on four acres of property on St. Rt. 56 and is open twelve months of the year. Rhoads employs ten full-time staff members and 10-15 additional seasonal laborers. The one-time farm stand now consists of Rhoads Farm Market and Garden Center, Rhoads Floral Shop, Rhoads Landscaping, and Split Rail Nursery. The Rhoads family will be celebrating 50 years of business in the Circleville community in 2008.

-Submitted by Carly Rhoads Neff



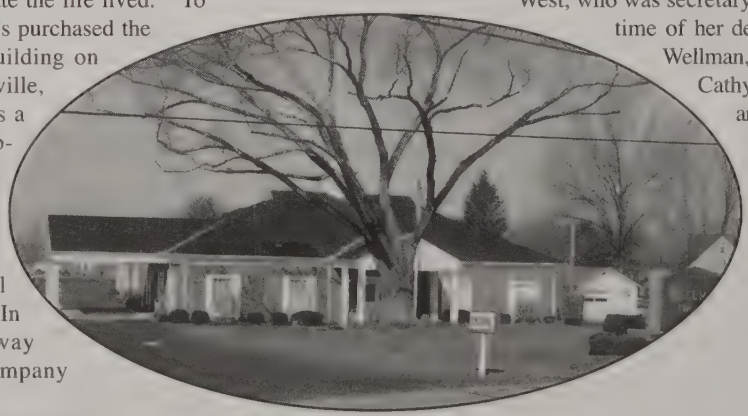
Rhoads Market 2004

Wellman Funeral Homes, Inc.

The Wellman Funeral Home was founded in 1973 by Charles E. and Patricia E. Wellman, to provide caring, personal service to the families of Pickaway County. The Wellmans purchased 8 acres from Clyde and Ruby Cook that at the time was just beyond the Circleville corporation limits. While plans were made to construct the present building, the residence on the property was equipped to serve as the funeral home. The building was completed and business began in the new facility in July of 1974 and continues there today.

The Wellman's mission is "to serve the needs of every family with dignity and to celebrate the life lived." To this end, in 1975 Wellman's purchased the former Church of God building on Sherman Street in Laurelville, Ohio in 1975 to be used as a funeral chapel, and established Wellman Monument Company. The Wellman's incorporated their business in 1982 when they purchased the Bastian Funeral Home in Ashville, Ohio. In addition to these Pickaway County facilities, the company purchased the Highlawn Cemetery in Fayette County in 1992 and the Gerstner-Kinzer Funeral Home in Washington Court House in 1993. Wellman's Funeral Homes, Inc. currently employees 20 people.

As principles in the company, Charles Wellman, Sr., Charles Wellman, Jr., and Craig Wellman are all licensed funeral directors and embalmers, having graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, served their apprenticeships, and passed the Ohio state licensing board exam. They are supported in the business by several family members including Mr. Wellman's mother, Mabel West, who was secretary and bookkeeper until the time of her death in May 1999; Patricia Wellman, a licensed funeral director; Cathy Wellman, administrator; and Christina Wellman, also a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Please see "Charles Earl Wellman, Sr." family biography for complete family information.



-Submitted by Cathy Leatherwood

Patrons – Clubs & Organizations

Pickaway County Retired Teachers Association

The Pickaway County and Adjacent Area Retired Teachers group held its first meeting on December 9, 1967, Pickaway Arms, with 43 very interested persons in attendance.

The second meeting on March 16, 1968, found 57 members listed on the Charter Member Enrollment List.

ADOPTED NAME: The Pickaway County and Adjacent Area Retired Teachers' Association

GROUP ORGANIZERS – Leslie Dearth, Mildred and J. Austin Dowden

FIRST OFFICERS: President – Alva A. White; Vice President – Helen Dowler,; Second Vice President – Florence Baker; Secretary – Merle Penn; Treasurer – Avis Sark; Publicity – Rose Klophenstein.

At the April 25, 1968 meeting, additional officers were selected: Corresponding Secretary – Kathryn Bower; Assistant Treasurer – Merle Collins; Program Committee – Helen Dowler, Florence Banker, Sophie Smith; Membership Committee – Twila West, Marie Hamilton, Florence Brown; Legislative – Leslie Dearth; Welfare – Ruby Wilson.

The Pickaway County and Adjacent Area Retired Teachers was organized by Leslie Dearth and Mildred and J. Austin Dowden in December 1967, with Charter Members: Mrs. Mark Armstrong, Miss Margie Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. A.F. Axe, Mrs. Florence Baker-2nd Vice President/Program, Mrs. S.E. Beers, Mrs. Elda Behnke, Mr. Carl D. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. (Tom) Bennett, Miss Elizabeth Black, Mrs. Kathryn Bower-Corresponding Secretary, Miss Florence Brown-Membership, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Merle Collins-Assistant Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Counts, Mrs. Louise Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cross, Mr. Leslie Dearth-Legislative, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Defenbaugh, Miss Alice DeLong, Mrs. Walter Denman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Austin Dowden, Mrs. Helen Dowler-Vice President/Program, Mrs. Judd Dresbach, Mr. and Mr. Karl O. Drum, Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Dunkle, Mrs. Ralph Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gearhart, Mrs. Leola Gearing, Miss Marie Hamilton-Membership, Mrs. Florence Harrington, Mrs. Florence Haughn, Mrs. Fred Hedges, Mrs. Roger Hedges, Mrs. Harley Hines, Mrs. George Hitler, Mr. Howard Hosler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hudson, Mrs. Bernice Immel, Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Irwin, Mrs. P.L. Johnson, Mrs. Rose Klophenstein-Publicity, Mrs. C.E. Mahaffey, Miss Margaret Mattinson, Mrs. Jacob Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDill, Mr. George McGhee, Mrs. Howard B. Moore, Mrs. Frank Morrison, Mrs. Merle Penn-Secretary, Mrs. Paul Peters, Mrs. Pearl Porter, Mrs. Frances Pitt, Mrs. Homer Reber, Mrs. Fred Renick, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ridgway, Mrs. Ethel Ridgeway, Mrs. Avis Sark-Treasurer, Mrs. Leora Sayre, Mrs. Sophie Smith-Programs, Dr. W.L. Sprouse, Mrs. Ted Steele, Miss Elizabeth Tolbert, Mrs. Channing Vlerebome, Mrs. Ruby Walton-Welfare, Miss Mary Walters, Mrs. Ralph Ward, Mrs. Lloyd Weaver, Mrs. Cleon Webb, Mrs. Dwight Weiler, Miss Twila West-Membership, Mr. Alva A. White-President, and Mrs. Clark Will.

-Submitted by Doris Gillespie

History of the Circleville Elks Lodge No. 77

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is one of the most respected fraternal organizations in the United States. The organization had its birth on February 16, 1868 and exactly twenty years later to the day, District Deputy George A. Clugston of Mansfield instituted the Circleville Lodge in the Odd Fellows Halls. Allen O. Myers of Cincinnati, whose boyhood home was in Circleville, assisted him.

The following were installed as the first officers of the new lodge: Exalted Ruler, Lawrence Weldon; Esteemed Leading Knight, M.A. Lanum; Esteemed Loyal Knight, G.A. Schleyer; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Charles Dresbach; Secretary, Alf C. LeBaron; Treasurer, S.T. Ruggles; Esquire, Fred L. Fickard; Chaplain, G.H. Pontius; Inner Guard, R.C. Welcon; Tiler, W.H. Albaugh, Jr.; Organist, Edward Wittich; Trustees, W.B. Jacobs and J.G. Wilders. Including these officers, there were twenty-six charter members, which has grown over the years to the high water mark in 1980 when 820 members were on its rolls. The present membership numbers 638.

In the early years the Circleville Elks Lodge had for its meeting places the Odd Fellows Hall, the Fred Warner block on West Main Street, the City Building and the First National Bank Building. The goal of having a permanent facility was finally accomplished on June 11, 1924, when construction of the Lodge Home, at 215 North Court Street, was completed and the building occupied. It stands today as a testimony to the zeal and industry of the faithful members, whose hopes and aspirations were focused on having their own Lodge Home.

Today, the Circleville Elks continues to help support charitable and community programs such as the Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Fund; Hospice of Pickaway County, Brooks Yates, Stepping Stones, American Red Cross and many more. Support of youth programs such as Youth Baseball and Soccer, the local Elks Basketball Hoop Shoot Contest, the Soccer Shootout and the annual three on three Basketball Contest show that Elks care about our community. In addition, two Pickaway County high school seniors are awarded one thousand dollar scholarships each year. Finally, the Elks strive to support Americanism through programs such as our annual Flag Day Ceremony and the annual Veterans Day Program.

-Submitted by Doug Kohli

Past Exalted Rulers

*Deceased PER's

*Lawrence Weldon	1888	*Howard B. Moore	1918	*Dr. David Goldschmidt	1950	John D. Happenny	1978
*Mack A. Lanum	1889	*Frank A. Marion	1919	*George K. Fishpaw	1951	Joseph W. Rooney	1979
*Joseph G. Wilder	1890	*Leland E. Pontious	1920	*Kenneth M. Robbins	1952	William K. Barthelmas	1980
*Harry Montelius	1891	*May C. Seyfert, Jr.	1921	David E. McDonald	1953	R. Bruce Liston	1981
*J.W. Harsha	1892	*Walker Baughman	1922-26	Charles G. Will	1954	James K. Hill	1982
*P.A. Walling	1893-94	*S.R. Washburn	1927	*Paul D. Hang	1955	M. Wayne Winner	1983
*N.T. McCrea	1895	*A.J. Lyle	1928	*Robert W. Wood	1956	Robert L. Barnhart	1984
*H.P. Folsom	1896	*Paul H. Betz	1929	*G. Richard Bowers	1957	*Thomas R. Elsea	1985
*George T. Row	1897	*H.L. Bartholomew	1930	*Gunner Mnusselman	1958	Brent B. Liston	1986
*C. Edmund Moeller	1898	*Warren H. Baker	1931	*Frank E. Barnhill, Jr.	1959	Christopher L. Morgan	1987
*Frank Millerspaugh	1899	*Fred M. Pickens	1932	*Edgar Anderson	1960	Michael E. Forrest	1988
*T.B. Wright	1900	*Emmitt L. Crist	1933	*James H. Grant	1961	M. Doyle Kiser	1989
*D.V. Courtright	1901	*Leland E. Pontious	1934	*Emmett D. Wood	1962	Raymond J. Crawford	1990
*George R. Curl	1902	*Glen R. Geib	1935	*Leo D. Morgan	1963	John S. Payne	1991
*C.E. Groce	1903	*Melvin A. Yates	1936	Dr. William A. Rickey	1964	Robert J. Conley	1992
*C.G. Shulze	1904	*Ray W. Davis	1937	*Marshall W. Winner	1965	Robert R. Clark	1993
*A.W. Holman	1905	*Joseph Adkins, Jr.	1938	*Gene B. Lindsey	1966	David C. Betts, Jr.	1994
*Harry S. Grant	1906	*Paul D. Miller	1939	Robert H. Huffer	1967	Jerry A. Young	1995
*Meeker Terwilliger	1907	*Andrew U. Thomas	1940	*Chester R. McKenzie	1968	Ernest R. Enoch	1996
*H.B. Weaver	1908	*Tom A. Renick	1941	*Wendell Emerine	1969	*Thorndike Barnhart	1997
*George W. Lindsay	1909	*Barton R. Deming	1942	John F. Moore	1970	James A. Routt	1998
*Charles H. May	1910, 1915	*Otto J. Towers	1943	Ernest E. Enoch	1971	Chad R. Conley	1999
*Orrin L. Gessley	1911	*Leslie D. May	1944	Richard L. Davis	1972	Curt Vance	2000
*R.F. Lilly	1912	*Clydus P. Fosnaugh	1945	*James L. Henderson	1973	Eric M. Clark	2001
*Harry D. Jackson	1913	*Nelson Reichelderfer	1946	William A. Bennett	1974	Raymond C. Winner	2002
*I. Lutz May	1914	*William D. Radcliff	1947	L.E. (Larry) Priest	1975	Lawrence J. Powell	2003
*Felix Caldwell	1916	*Donald D. Henkle	1948	Dr. Robert P. Liggett	1976	Douglas A. Kohli	2004
*Eliot Henry	1917	*Dr. A.D. Blackburn	1949	Ralph L. Amey	1977	Steve Tobin	2005

A History of the Circleville Lions Club in Pickaway County

The Circleville Lions Club was chartered on April 11, 1951 by a group of local businessmen as part of the International Association of Lions Clubs. These men were President Winford Koch, Nick Condello and Clarence Radcliffe, as well as 14 others who joined when the charter was received. The primary focus of all Lions Clubs has been sight saving and the related causes of blindness. In addition, the Circleville Lions Club has developed and provided many additional local projects to meet the needs of Circleville and Pickaway County. Their motto is "We Serve". In the early years, a Ladies Auxiliary was formed and became the basis for what some clubs called a Lioness club. In the 1990's this organization was abandoned in favor of including female members in the Lions Club itself. (A few communities still have Lioness Clubs, but the Circleville club chose not to.) However they served, the ladies supported the men as well as promoting and strengthening the club. The Circleville Lions Club is stronger because of all the dedicated ladies who have been a part of this organization. The last surviving charter member of the club, Clarence Radcliffe, died in 2003.

During the past 50 plus years, the club has contributed significantly to the needs of the people of Pickaway County. In the early years (1951-54), the club purchased a sterilization cabinet for Berger Hospital, provided eye surgery for a 6 year old, began providing glasses for needy children – which continues today. In the later years (1950's forward), the club supported all the Ohio Lions projects (Pilot Dogs, eye research, etc.) and that support continues today. In 1953, they purchased a Tele-Binocular machine for eye screening, doing this screening of elementary age children into the 1970's.

Some further notable projects have been (or continue to be) 4-H youth programs, youth baseball, and the Good Program that targets middle school youth who demonstrate the qualities of effort and good citizenship. In 1997 the Circleville Lions Club began offering $1000 scholarships that are renewable for a total of 4 years. The recipients are graduating seniors from Circleville, Logan Elm, Teays Valley and Westfall in Pickaway County.

If a club has projects that need funding – some ways include a Pumpkin Show booth 1952 to 1988, sold license plates in 1953, light bulbs from 1953 to the 1980's, brooms were sold from the 1950's to 2001, in 1989 the Lions golf Scramble for Sight began (which in 2004 alone raised almost $7800). In the early 1900's the club sold cookies (and now nuts and candy) and for four years was involved with the Pickaway County Fly-in.

Besides their activity in Pickaway County and the State of Ohio, they have demonstrated leadership by supplying three District Governors: Clarence Radcliffe (1960-1961), Doyle Spangler (1977-1978) and Ivy Walters (1997-1998). Five Melvin Jones Fellows (an award bestowed by Lions International): Clarence Radcliffe, Doyle Spangler, Samuel (Pete) Cook, Ivy Walters and Phillip Everett. By individual donation or by club support, $1000 donations were made to the Lions International Foundation and it uses this money for humanitarian projects worldwide. In addition, the club supplied several Zone Chairmen: Frank Woodward, Jr., George Mallott, Ivy Walters and Kenneth Hardesty. As one can see from this brief history of the Circleville Lions Club, it is not only a part of Circleville, but a part of Pickaway County. Persons from all parts of the county have been members of the club. Recipients of the generosity of the Circleville Lions Club have come from the various schools and communities of the county. We, as members of the present club, believe that Pickaway County is a better, healthier place because of the dedication of all of the members because WE SERVE!

Members present, left to right, front: Leroy Brookins, Marvin Jenkins and Samuel (Pete) Cook. Back row: Phil Everett, Marion Miller, Paul Meadows, (past District Govenor) Ivy Walters, Elliott Hakes, Kenny Hardesty, Jim Peters, Art Johnson, (past District Governor) Doyle Spangler, President Tom Kuhn, and Sec./Treas. Daryl Wolfe. Members not present are Lions Don Bowman, Dale Gifford, Roger Hood, Chet Iery, Bob Kellogg, Ron McPherson, Carol Reicheldefer and Dan Teal.

-Submitted by Phil Everett

Circleville Sunrise Rotary

Circleville Sunrise Rotary Club was presented its Charter on June 28, 1989. The Club was organized with the help of Noon Rotary Club members Jim River, Bill Stout and Drexel Poling. There were 38 charter members and the meetings were held at J.R. Hooks Café. The Club's first officers were: Steve Carter, President; Vern Bolender, President-Elect; Ruth McFadden, Vice-President; Doug Palm, Secretary; and Bernard Wilburn, Treasurer. Board members were Richard Amsbary, John Emerine, Connie Hooks and Steve Jones.

The Club's first newsletter was published on September 19, 1989, and the Club's first perfect attendance meeting was November 7, 1989.

1990 was an active year with the following events: Sweetheart Day, Law Day in May (which has become an annual event), assisting with Friday in the Park, purchasing livestock at the Pickaway County Fair (which the Club still does), establishing a "recycling make-up" at Rumpke's, and donating to the Massieville Flood Relief.

In 1991 the membership increased to 53. The Club provided ushers for the Preaching Mission, participated in the MDA telethon, served pumpkin chili at its booth at Pumpkin Show, underwrote the Circleville Artist Series, supported Junior Achievement, and named the newsletter, *Rise and Shine News*.

In 1992 the Club began serving at the local Soup Kitchen, initiated the Adopt-a-Family Program at Christmas, and was honored to have Beulah Temple as the Club's first Paul Harris Fellow.

In 1993 the Club participated in the Student Exchange Program, established the Leo Moats Scholarship Fund, sponsored students to the Ethics meetings, contributed money to purchase a storage building at Barthelmas Park, sent donations to the Quincy, Illinois Flood Relief, and participated in the Adopt-A-Highway clean-up program.

In 1994 a Paul Harris Annuity with 10 members was formed, the first reverse raffle was held for the Leo Moats Fund, and members went Christmas caroling.

In 1995 the Club sold T-shirts imprinted with "Life is Good in Pickaway County" to assist with funds for the Student Exchange Program.

In 1996 the Silent Auction became a part of the Leo Moats reverse raffle night, members toured the State House, and the Club became the sponsor of the Miss Pumpkin Show Parade and Pageant.

In 1997 an Appreciation Roast was held, the club established the Community Closet in conjunction with the Goodwill Store and the first newsletter was published in color.

In 1998 some members traveled to Indianapolis to attend the Rotary International Convention and Major General Robert Shadley, a former resident of Circleville, was the speaker for the Club's annual Law Day.

In 1999 the Club celebrated its 10th anniversary with a special morning meeting. Donations were made to the YMCA and the Courthouse Chimes, and members voted to support the restoration of a section of the Ohio-Erie Canal in Wayne Township. A second Paul Harris Annuity was begun. The Club purchased $10,000 worth of playground equipment for Circleville's Barthelmas Park. The Club supported a Dental Clinic in southern India, and a new songbook was initiated.

In 2000 the Club inaugurated an annual Community Leadership Award to a member of the community with Gerry Hannahs being the first recipient. The Club organized the "Sunrise Snow Brigade" to help clear driveways for the elderly. The club developed a website at www.circlevillesunriserotary.com

In 2001 the Club purchased three animals from the County Fair, donated to the new skateboard organization, donated to United Way, purchased and constructed more playground equipment at Barthelmas Park, and toured the Kenworth plant in Chillicothe.

In 2002 the Club donated $1,000 to the new County library, supported the Bicentennial Gala, donated $1,000 toward the Pickaway County bike trail, and established the "Loser's Ball" after the Leo Moats night.

In 2003 the Club finished the retaining wall at Brooks Yates School, hosted the Group Study Exchange Team from Italy and began updating the club's directory on a quarterly basis.

In 2004 the Club held a hog roast with the Noon Rotary club from the Fair purchase, and authorized a make up for recycling newspapers and magazines. The Club continues to sponsor, along with the Noon Club, the annual Four-Way Test Speech Contest for the high schools in Pickaway County.

Sunrise Rotary, as of this writing has a membership of 74 with 11 of the original 38 charter members still active and 4 charter members have perfect attendance. Since the start of the Leo Moats Scholarship Fund, the Club has awarded four scholarships annually to one Senior from each of the County's four high Schools. The club continues to meet at 7 a.m. on Tuesday mornings at J.R. Hooks Café on Watt Street.

January 2005 is the 100th anniversary of Rotary International, which was started by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905. The theme for the year is "A Century of Service, A New Century of Success". Rotary's slogan is "Service Over Self".

-Submitted by Madeline Sanders

History of Heber Lodge #501 Free and Accepted Masons

"Heber" denotes "Friendship" in Hebrew and is the name of the Lodge of Freemasons numerated #501 and chartered October 21, 1875 to conduct work in Williamsport. It is part of the 8th Masonic District under the Grand Lodge of Ohio which was founded in 1808 in Chillicothe.

Many of the original members of Heber Lodge were Civil War Veterans, notably Captain William B. Davis who fought in over twenty battles under General W. T. Sherman and was the first Worshipful Master of Heber Lodge. Other founding officers were: Henry Clarke, Senior Warden; John Alkire, Junior Warden; James Finnell, Secretary; J.J. Myers, Treasurer; Palmer Lowe, Senior Deacon; Benjamin Linville, Junior Deacon; Clinton Lee, Tyler. The silver "Jewels of the Lodge" were fashioned by Rezin Wolfe, the third Worshipful Master of Heber and a silversmith in Williamsport. They are on loan to the Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Village and are the focus of their exhibit on Freemasonry in Ohio.

The Lodge first met over the drugstore of Dr. G.W. Hurst; then in 1876 built a two-story frame building. The present Masonic Temple was constructed in 1902-03 at a cost of $6000. For sixty years the ground floor tenant was the Farmer's National Bank. The dimensions of the Lodge Room, which faces East, are 30x60 feet (20x40 cubits), according to scripture being the same as the middle chamber of King Solomon's Temple.

Heber Lodge receives and instructs candidates in the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees and supports local relief and charities, the Ohio Masonic Home and generously support Special Olympics. Men of at least 19 years of age may seek admittance by asking for a petition.

Heber Lodge is also the home of Heber Chapter #62 Order of the Eastern Star, Chartered 1896, the oldest chapter in Pickaway County. The first Worthy Matron was Mrs. Belle Hunsicker, the first Worthy Patron was Dr. Charles D. Briner.

Distinguished Masons of Heber Lodge #501 over the years include: Charles C. Chappelear, Grand Patron Order of the Eastern Star and first 33rd Degree Mason in Pickaway County; Edward C. Rector, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters; Malcolm H. Grady, Grand Tyler, Jean W. Justus, Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, MWB Robert E. See, Grand Master of Mason in Ohio.

-Submitted by Steve Seaburn

The Past Masters of Heber Lodge #501 F. & A. M.

William B. Davis	1875-78	Harold J. Bowers	1936	Austin E. Hoover	1972
Thornton F. White	1879, 80, 86	William D. Radcliff	1937-38	James W. Howell	1973
Rezin Wolfe	1881, 82, 89	Harry J. Smith	1939-40	George List	1974
Reeder Rector	1883	Leroy Hamack	1941	John L. Newton	1975
Conrad Phebus	1884-85	Jay Seaburn	1942-43	George E. Lemaster	1976
Charles Chappelear	1887	Joseph Varney	1944	Jean W. Justus, Jr.	1977
Charles D. Briner	1888,90-95,99-1905	Charles T. Carter	1945	William R. Finch	1978, 85
James H. Eymon	1896-97	Lawrence Ater	1947	John W. Rodgers	1979
Edward C. Rector	1898, 1909-10	Ted Corcoran	1948	W. David Gibson	1980
Clement T. Ater	1906	Russell L. McDill	1949	Howard Lemaster	1981
Lyman A. Lewis	1907	Francis Tolbert	1950	Melvin L. Boyer	1982
Lemuel J. Hurst	1908	Clark Hunsicker, Jr.	1951	Richard L. Phillips	1983
Arche Dornsife	1911	George E. Hamman	1952	Winfred P. Bidwell	1984
C.K. Hunsicker	1912, 20	Charles Gallaher	1953	Richard Phillips, Jr.	1986
Charles W. Baker	1913	Donald L. McDill	1954	Paul I. Dawson	1987
Charles Carmean	1914-15	John F. Hamman	1955	Gregory Clark	1988
Eugene Tinker	1916-17	Donald W. Schleigh	1956	David Valone	1989
John E. Hess	1918-19	Ray A. Hooks	1957	Wayne Wright	1990
Fred L. Tipton	1921	Aulten Carter	1958	Frank Henson	1991
C.E. Hill	1922-23	Carl D. Hooks	1959	Stephen Hammond	1992
Carl Hurst	1924	H. Donald Smith	1960	Mark Henson	1993
Lee Stewart	1925	Orville West	1961	Douglas Donohew	1994
Russell Howard	1926	Charles Q. Clark	1962	Lawrence Sullenberger	1995
Fred Corcoran, Sr.	1927	Glenn G. McCoy	1963	Dale Sullenberger	1996
Dwight Rector	1928	George N. Kern	1964	Stephen Seaburn	1997
White Campbell	1929	Ronald James	1965	David Helton	1998
Charles H. Smith	1930	Wilson Puckett	1966	Robert Daub	1999, 02
Merril Carmean	1931	Malcolm H. Grady	1967	C.K. McFarland II	2000, 03
Russell Wardell	1932	Virgil Anderson	1968	George Donohew	2001
John W. Smith	1933	Elvin L. Lewis	1969	John W. Smith	2004
Byron Bolender	1934	Harold Marshall	1970	Gregg Henry	2005
Lee O. Luellen	1935	Robert E. See	1971		

Pickaway County Senior Center

The Pickaway County Senior Center was started in April, 1972 in the Lorentz filling station across from the County fairgrounds, with Twila Lorentz as director. The center provided socialization, crafts and carry-ins each Friday for about 20 people.

In 1977, a larger home for the Center was established in the Community Building at 8010 St. Rt. 22 East. This building was provided by the County Commissioners until a Federal Grant was issued so the senior citizens could enjoy their own center. The Nutrition Program was started to provide a hot lunch for all those who could be transported or come on their own.

Twila Lorentz retired in January 1978 and with the recommendation by the Pickaway County Commissioners, Robert Liston, Carl Schein and Donald Strous, Wanda Hamilton was named Director. This was a position she would hold until her retirement in 1995. With the help of Vera Saunders, Senior Center Coordinator and the county commissioners, the present and permanent home for seniors, located at 2105 Chickasaw Drive, was completed in December of 1978. Since then two additions have been added, one in 1981 and another in 1998.

Many things began to happen with the opening of the Senior Center; many fund raisers, home delivered meals, congregate meals, transportation, homemaker, supportive services, and many social activities. An adult day care was started in 1995, meeting one day a week and is now available three days a week and funded with federal funds. The Caregiver program started in 2002 providing respite and personal care. In 1991, a _ mil 5 year levy was put on the ballot to help fund the center and it passed by a small margin. It has been on the ballot two more times as a replacement levy and has passed both times. The senior center receives money from a county levy, United Way, federal and state grants, local contributions and money making projects held at the center.

-Submitted by Sue Frey

Pickaway County YMCA

The first presence of YMCA activity in Pickaway County began in 1869. The Pickaway Lyceum served as the local library at this time, and a group of women devoted their time to establishing a reading room for young men. So it was in 1869 that a Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) reading room was opened, with magazines and some books. The room was available for a short time, and when it became clear that the young men of the town were not utilizing the reading materials, the room was closed in 1872.

The YMCA reestablished its presence in November 1927, when a local Hi-Y chapter was organized at Circleville High School. Hi-Y is a leadership program for teens whose foundation is rooted in community service. Hi-Y remained an active program at several county schools until the early 1970's. It was the presence of the Hi-Y program in Pickaway County that provided the groundwork for future YMCA developments.

In 1966, YMCA staff member, Harold Hewitt, helped to organize the Shawnee Indian Guide Tribe and a Junior Hi-Y club program at Circleville Middle School. As support for these programs grew, Mr. Hewitt began offering youth basketball and youth overnights in the local armory.

Harold Hewitt would become the Pickaway County YMCA's first Branch Director in 1968. It was also in 1968 that the YMCA established an office in the local Red Cross chapter, located on Pickaway Street in Circleville. A $500 donation, courtesy of the Circleville Kiwanis Club, funded the purchase of office supplies.

The following year, the first YMCA consulting board was formed. The group held their initial meeting on March 29, 1969. This inaugural consulting board consisted of the following individuals: Officers: Robert M. Johnson, Chairman; Nelson L. Stevens, First Vice Chairman; Mrs. E.R. (Jerry) Bennett, Secretary and Treasurer. Members: Mrs. Edwin (Jeannie) Bach, John W. Eshelman, Conrad Hunter, John Jenkins, George McDowell, Paul I. Marshall, E.R. Bennett, Keith D. Wagner, Ben F. Brian, Richard L. Davis, E.G. Grigg, Fritz Jacobs, David C. Munson, Richard Penn and Dr. R.N. Phillips.

It was during 1969 that YMCA leadership came to learn that the Adjutant General of the State of Ohio was trying to sell the local armory. YMCA board volunteers felt that since the land for the armory had been given to the state as a gift from the city, the state should in turn deed it back to the city. Through the efforts of YMCA board member Dick Penn and other YMCA volunteers, a special bill was introduced to the state legislature, requesting the armory be given to the City of Circleville. House Representative Myrl Shoemaker and Senator Harry Armstrong helped secure this bill and the armory was deeded back to the city. The city, recognizing that this was a product of the YMCA's initiative, provided a $1 annual lease for use of the space as a YMCA facility.

The Armory location was a wonderful introduction for the community to many YMCA activities. The site included a gymnasium, exercise room, locker room, preschool room, offices and various other program spaces.

While activities were offered with the Armory location, the YMCA continued to offer programs throughout the community. Some of these locations included schools, churches and fraternal organizations. Youth swim lessons were offered at L&K motel. Y-Indian Guide programs were offered in the homes of program volunteers.

During the 1970's, YMCA enjoyed many successful collaborative efforts, including those with the Red Cross, Pickaway County Community Action, and all the county schools. It was this groundwork that prompted the YMCA board to create a plan for the building of a permanent YMCA structure to support its growing popularity.

Eventually, the YMCA board settled on a site at 440 Nicholas Drive for a permanent facility. With community support, the YMCA completed a successful capital campaign to fund the construction of the building. In 1978, a 26,000 square foot facility was opened for membership. This facility included a gymnasium, exercise room, meeting and program rooms and a 6 lane, 25 yard indoor swimming pool.

In 1988, the YMCA held another successful capital campaign that provided the funding for a new addition. This addition included adult locker rooms, fitness center, updated lobby and racquetball courts.

In 1998, another successful capital campaign provided for the construction of the Family Center, which includes an indoor play gym and climbing wall.

As of march 2005, the Pickaway County Family YMCA continues to be an important community resource. With over 4,000 members serving 1505 different households, the YMCA continues to build Strong Kids, Strong Families and Strong Communities.

Harold Hewitt retired from the YMCA in 1983. Subsequent PCFY Branch Directors are: Steve Gunn, 1984-1993; Tony Delisio, 1993-2002; William "Bud" Oliver, 2002-2004; and Paul Westenheffer, 2004 to present.

-Submitted by Paul Westenheffer

Rotary Club of Circleville

Rotary International is the world's first service organization. Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer, started the service club in 1905 with three of his clients. The name Rotary comes from the fact that meetings were rotated between the members' places of business. Foremost among the Rotary ideals is the FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

On 22 February 1922, charter #1087 was presented to the Rotary Club of Circleville, with 23 members, having been sponsored by the Chillicothe club. The charter meeting was held at the Methodist Church; presently the Community United Methodist Church, corner of Main & Pickaway Streets.

The first meetings of the new club were held at the Boggs Hotel, 224 South Court Street, until 1933 when the Boggs was razed to make way for the new Post Office. The meetings were held for a short time on the second floor of the Heffner & Heffner Building, 214 South Court Street; presently Gio's Pizza & Pub. Since then, meetings have been held at the American Hotel, the Elks Club, St. Phillips Episcopal Parish House, the L-K Restaurant, Pickaway Arms, back to L-K Restaurant, and finally to J.R. Hooks' Café, 115 Watt Street. The Club meets on Thursday at noon.

Service projects in which Circleville Rotary contributes are: For Youth – Rotary "Youth Exchange Program", hosting exchange students from around the world; the J.B. Stout Memorial Trust Fund, which awards two-year scholarships to local students planning to further their education at a technical school; and at each meeting during the school year, the club invites two outstanding students from the area high schools to present a short bio of their schooling, involvement in community and future plans. For Community – the club started the Lifeline Program, presently administered by Berger Health System; organizes the Big Wheel Race for the Pumpkin Show; sponsored a room in the new Pickaway County Library; acknowledges community leaders with a Service Above Self Award; picks up litter on North Court Street for the Adopt-a-Roadway Program; and sponsored the Rotary Club of Circleville Sunrise in 1989. For Rotary – the Club has been honored by having four members serve as Governor for District 6690, which consists of over 4200 Rotarians in 57 clubs in Southeastern Ohio. Meeker Terwilliger served as Governor in 1930-31; Dr. Robert G. Smith in 1971-72; H.N. "Steve" Stevenson in 1985-86; and for the year 1990-91, William A. Stout served as District Governor. For the World – the Club has participated in the District's Honduras Water Well Project; provided used medical equipment to Third World Countries; purchased bicycles for a Russian Orphanage; hosted Rotary "Group Study Exchange" teams from Australia, Japan, Brazil, Taiwan, Bavaria, India, England and Italy, sharing culture, customs and vocations; and supports Rotary International's largest project to date, Polio Plus. Along with the World Health Organization, Unicef, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the United Nations Foundation, Rotarians have contributed millions of dollars and volunteered their time in the global eradication of the polio virus.

In 2005, Rotary International celebrated its Centennial Year. "A Century of Service Above Self", with more than 1.2 million Rotarians representing 32,000 clubs in 166 countries worldwide. The Rotary Club of Circleville, 130 strong, proudly accepts the challenge of "A New Century of Success" by encouraging and promoting its members in leadership positions in service to the community. *-Submitted by John Stout*

Circleville Rotary Past Presidents

John Stout	2004-2005	Sterling Poling	1976-1977	Vaden Couch	1948-1949
Ty Ankrom	2003-2004	Dick Tootle	1975-1976	James Yost	1947-1948
Dave Webb	2002-2000	Earl Palm	1974-1975	Russell Palm	1946-1947
Todd Stevens	2001-2000	Robert W. Wood	1973-1974	Norbert Cochran	1945-1946
Vince Yaniga	2000-2001	Dr. Carlos Alvarez	1972-1973	Leslie D. May	1944-1945
John Prince	1999-2000	Boyd Stout	1971-1972	Glen D. Phillips	1943-1944
Gary Scherer	1998-1999	David Goldschmidt	1970-1971	Frank Fischer	1942-1943
Nelson Stevens	1997-1998	Robert Johnson	1969-1970	Harry Heffner	1941-1942
Robert Liggett	1996-1997	Dave McDonald	1968-1969	Frank Barnhill, Sr.	1940-1941
Dannie Fouts	1995-1996	James Grant	1967-1968	William D. Radcliff	1939-1940
Sherman Dixon	1994-1995	Henry Walters	1966-1967	Ray Rowland	1938-1939
William M. Campbell	1993-1994	Richard Plum	1965-1966	Ed Wallace	1937-1938
Ronald Berlin	1992-1993	Ned Harden	1964-1965	Karl J. Hermann	1936-1937
Michael Clark	1991-1992	Robert Smith	1963-1964	Charles H. May	1935-1936
Charles Hosterman & James D. River	1990-1991	Eldred Parsons	1962-1963	Samuel G. Rader	1934-1935
Jack Maddox	1989-1990	Frank Barnhill, Jr.	1961-1962	Edward L. Daley	1933-1934
James D. River	1988-1989	Robert Call	1960-1961	Stanley Lewis & Donald Watt	1932-1933
Norman W. Wilson	1987-1988	Emory Riddon & Harry Diehl	1959-1960	Frank Lynch	1931-1932
Larry Plum	1986-1987	George Young	1958-1959	George Foresman	1930-1931
Harry Canfield, Jr.	1985-1986	William Defenbaugh	1957-1958	Meeker Terwilliger	1929-1930
Donald E. Metzler	1984-1985	Ray Friends	1956-1957	Harley B. Colwell	1928-1929
William Stout	1983-1984	Ervin Leist	1955-1956	Clark G. Will	1927-1928
James Hill	1982-1983	Edward Grigg	1954-1955	Oscar S. Howard	1926-1927
Thomas Tootle	1981-1982	Fritz Sieverts	1953-1954	Emanual S. Neuding	1925-1926
Charles Hickey	1980-1981	Mac Nogle	1952-1953	Arthur L. Wilder	1924-1925
Howard N. Stevenson, Jr.	1979-1980	Robert Brehmer, Jr.	1951-1952	Robert L. Brehmer, Sr.	1923-1924
Robert McKelvey	1978-1979	Larry Best	1950-1951	Tom O. Gilliand	1922-1923
Walton Spangler	1977-1978	Arthur McCord	1949-1950	Harry G. Stevenson	1922

Roundtown Players
1968-2005

Children's Production "Snow White" April, 1996. Standing L to R: Kelly Skidmore, Kristi Dettro, Kasandra Fouch, David Cooke, Kaci Korn. Sitting: Heather Spangler, and Meghan Schiff.

In the 1960's, local amateur performers presented several fund-raising benefits for Berger Hospital which were known as the "High Fever Follies." A number of participants in these variety shows decided that perhaps Circleville could and would support its own amateur theatrical company. In 1968, the group organized as the "Roundtown Players." There were some sixty members and patrons supporting the enterprise.

That summer the premier production was presented in the old barn at the Pickaway Country Club. With a very strong cast, the show was a great success. Glenn Plum, a college sophomore majoring in drama, was pressed into service as director, while Ken and Doris Luna designed and constructed a spectacular set. The production ran for three nights, the last night with standing room only.

Over the next four years, there were productions in the PCC barn as well as the old High School on South Court. There was also a memorable production of Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution" in the common pleas courtroom.

In 1971, the space at Memorial Hall, where the "Teen Canteen" once met, had become vacant and the commissioners were asked to let Roundtown Players use it. Players had become a tax exempt organization, and an agreement was reached to allow RTP to occupy that area and the third floor as well for one dollar per year. The first two productions in the new theater were "Absence of a Cello," and "Blithe Spirit."

The first musical, "South Pacific," directed by Jim Dipple, revealed the inadequacy of the theater's tiny stage. Several members with carpentry skills soon began enlarging the stage. Over several years, it was extended to its present size.

Up to this point, the theater group had been largely for adults. Now, however, a woman entered the group with a different perspective. Her name was Ortha Stambaugh and she said, "Unless you bring in young people and become a teaching theater, the organization will die." The group took her advice and has continued to flourish for nearly forty years.

Two early supporters of RTP were Al Perdion and Edith Grigg. Al was never seen on stage but was willing to do anything else. His enthusiasm was contagious and he helped popularize the organization. Edith was mainly concerned with children's productions and was an early champion of Children's Theater. However, she also performed in a number of shows and was always a competent and reliable actor.

Other members who were active over the many years were B.J. Sowers and Marsha Gunder Schneider. Both were actors and directors. They often did children's shows but also worked with "Experimental Theater." Many will recall Marsha's original musical, "Something's Under the Bed," a memorable premier production on the RTP stage. Marsha also had a lovely singing voice and her performance as Dulcinea in the outstanding RTP production of "Man of LaMancha" was superb. This was another show directed by Jim Dipple.

Several other performers who will be remembered for their numerous appearances are Steve Stevenson, Diane Berger, Bon Fontana, Mary Ann Raterman and David Gillespie. Only one person is still active who was involved with the first production; W.W. Higgins, who was in charge of programs for the first "Picnic," still works and performs occasionally.

Although some actors have continued to perform over long periods, a review of the programs of the plays performed over the past twenty years will reveal the large number of persons of all ages who have graced the RTP stage. Many young people have received basic training in acting and public speaking with this fine community theater.

The quality and variety of RTP productions can be illustrated by a few random examples. These include "My Fair Lady," "The Crucible," "Ages of God," "Oliver," "Annie," "The Sunshine Boys," "The Secret Garden," "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," "Noises Off," and "Trial By Jury." RTP has produced well over one hundred plays in the past 37 years. We also provide small scholarships to support young people's training in the performing arts. RTP has succeeded as both a community theater and a teaching theater, and has contributed substantially to the community.

The present board is composed of the following people: Dr. Gary Gillen (Pres.); Landa Dorris (V.P.); Jane Vest (Rec. Sec.); Mary Ann Raterman (Corr. Sec); Barry Boyer (Treas.); Judy Skidmore and Diane Cooke (Past Pres.) and, as Trustees: Ira Winer, John Rankin, Mel Bethel, Susan Perkins, Tom Cooke and Tom Egbert.

Cast of "On Golden Pond" 1982 Standing: Bob Marazzi, W.W. Higgins, Steve Stevenson. Seated: Shannon Yunker, Diane Berger. Kneeling: Matt Lemley.

Circleville's Unique Octagon House

Over two thousand years ago, the Athenian town clock (known as the "Temple of the Winds") was constructed in an octagonal shape. Although not too frequent a form, octagonal buildings appear occasionally from then down to the present. The church of San Vitale was built in Revenna, Italy in the sixth century A.D. The eighth century "Dome of the Rock" in Jerusalem is another example. In medieval Europe, octagonal Romanesque baptisteries and Gothic 'chapter houses' were sometimes associated with great cathedrals. The seventeenth century Globe Theatre in London, and the eighteenth century Radcliffe Observatory at Oxford were renaissance inspired examples.

In North America, Thomas Jefferson was an important influence on architecture. After experimenting with various classical forms, he turned his attention to octagon shaped structures. The octagonal dome at Monticello was an early example. He later designed the plantation house called "Poplar Forest" as an octagon. It was not actually built, however, until the 1820's.

By the time "Poplar Forest" was built, Pickaway County, Ohio, had already made a name for itself in the history of octagonal structures. Between 1813 and 1814, the first county courthouse was constructed in the center of Circleville's Circle. Sadly, it survived for only 26 years. George W. Gregg, who was born in the 1830's, must have recalled the old courthouse affectionately. This and other factors caused him, some twenty odd years later, to build one of the most unusual houses in the county.

The other major influence on Gregg's curious house was an eccentric visionary from upstate New York by the name of Orson Fowler. He became convinced that a more practical and more pleasant home could be built in the octagon shape. His book, "A Home For All," was published in 1848, with a second edition appearing in 1853. His championship of the idea led many builders to experiment with it. Among the earliest in the Midwest was George W. Gregg. In 1855-56, on his farm just south of Circleville, Gregg had this rare and fascinating home constructed. The Greggs seem to have lived in the house until the 1880's.

Gregg sold the house to Anthony Ruff whose family (including his son, Silas) lived on the farm for a number of years. Around 1920, the farm was purchased by Henry Monroe (Roe) Crites. Although none of the Crites family ever lived in the house, it remained in the family for over eighty years.

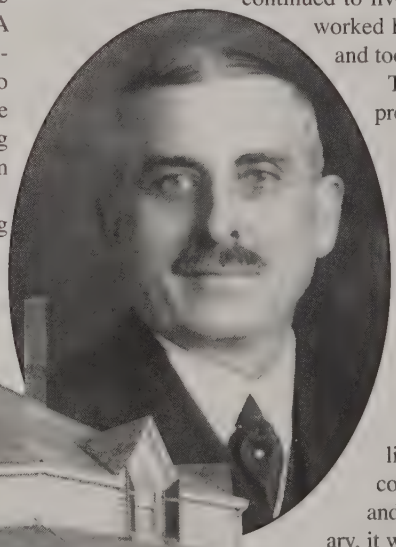
H.M. Crites was married three times, Edward and Charles Crites being the half-brothers of M.M. and George Crites. In 1932, during the Great Depression, before declaring bankruptcy, H.M. deeded the house to Gwen, the wife of M.M. Crites. The house remained in the M.M. Crites family from that time. It's last owner was Mary Virginia Crites Hannan, M.M.'s only daughter.

While the Crites family owned the Octagon House, it served as a tenant house for the farm that surrounded it. During the 1920's and into the early thirties, Willard and Mildred Merriman lived there and worked the farm. Two of their children, Adrian Merriman and Dona Valentine, were born in the house.

Sometime before the farm was transferred to Gwen Crites, Samuel and Ida Raub moved in. Their son, Walter and his wife Beulah, with their four children, joined them a little later. The Raubs were still working the farm when Pearl Harbor was attacked in December of 1941.

In 1942 or '43, Clarence and Ruth Shaffer took over the farm and occupied the house. The Shaffers worked the farm for ten years and during that period, three generations of Shaffers lived in the house. According to Bill Shaffer, they grew sweet corn, lima beans, peas and pumpkins. All of these went to the Crites' Circleville cannery.

In the early 1950's, Gerald and Loretta Dumm lived in the house for a time and worked the farm. The house's plumbing was almost non-existent and there was electricity only in the kitchen. The Dumms' daughter, Shirley, was born in the house. Around 1957, Forest and Shurley Moore took over the farm and the house. They continued to live there until 1981. Forest worked hard to maintain the house and took great pride in it.



The last family to occupy the property was that of David and Nedra Betts. David worked the land for nearly twenty years. After they left in the late 1990's, the house fell into disrepair and was savagely vandalized.

In 2004, the Roundtown Conservancy, a local preservation group, acquired the house, which was threatened with demolition, and moved it to a site contributed by the contractor and the landowner. In February, it was moved over a half-mile to the new site. It is hoped that it will soon be restored and made available for community use.

-Submitted by Tom Cooper

American Association of University Women

The American Association of University Women was founded in 1882. It required members to be a graduate of a four-year college. AAUW promotes equity for women, education and self development over the life span, and positive societal change. Locally, the Circleville Branch was founded by Diana Speakman and Donna Harmount. The Association granted their charter on November 12, 1957. There were fifteen charter members. In addition to the Branch meetings, there were study groups on Antiques, Choral Music, Drama, Literature, Gourmet and Interior Decoration. At present, AAUW meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

AAUW has three divisions; AAUW, the Educational Foundation, and the AAUW Legal Advocay Fund. The Educational Foundation offers scholarships to women for graduate study and grants to local branches for worthy projects. Circleville Branch has received a grant for the Lift-Off Program and Cindy Gillen was given a grant for her recycling project. The Legal Advocacy Fund helps women pay legal fees.

In the past AAUW helped promote the founding of Hospice, a Science Fair in the Circleville Schools, the Warm Line with the Mental Health Center, the ten year Friday in the Park Program, the Holiday Home Tour, the Bunny Lunch, and the National Chemistry Week demonstrations in the county schools. At present, they are supporting the Reading is Fundamental Program, the Be Wise Camp (a science camp for middle school girls), the Lift-Off Program (foreign language in the elementary school), and Candidates Night. Study Groups are Gourmet, Morning Literature, Evening Literature, and Public Policy. Past Presidents are Diana Speakman, Sylvia Johnson, Barbara Ford, Lois Heffelfinger, Lyn Fisher, Sue Edwards, Jean Droste, Janet McIlvaine, Ellisa Parrott, Joy Myers, Dee Dawson, Mary Lou Gerhart, Diana Jones, Yvonne Lackey, Sue Weber, Scarlett Ebenhack, Carol Ann Bowling, Elaine Winter, Willie Ehrlich, and Gail Janke.

AAUW 1957

-Submitted by Carol Ann Bowling

Gardenwood Garden Club

1992

Gardenwood Garden Club was organized under the direction of Mrs. Robert (Peg) Scherer in January 1968. The name Gardenwood was chosen as most of the members lived in Garden City or Knollwood Village. Charter members were: Karmen Berlin, Loretta Berrigan, Norma Brackett, Jeanette Chilcote, Arlene Davies, Carolyn Edstrom, Lyn Fisher, Doris Gillespie, Barbara Johnson, Nancy Hoffman, Virginia Hritz, Pat Hughes, Yvonne Lackey, Mary Lundberg, Joy Myers, Kay Peet, Lois Ann Rustin, Pat Sackinger, Kay Sarchet, Joan Schenck, Peggy Scherer, Marilyn Spence, Kathy Stage, Jackie Whitfield, and Mary Williams.

Gardenwood is a member of the Ohio Association of Garden Clubs who motto is *Knowing, Growing, Showing, and Sharing*. Gardenwood also meets twice a year with other OAGC clubs from Ross, Franklin, Fairfield, and Hocking as Region 9. Gardenwood is also part of the Pickaway County Council of Garden Clubs, which also meets twice a year.

The local club has been active in the community doing the planting of urns at Forest Cemetry for most of Gardenwood's history. The club designed and tended an herb garden at the Clark-May House, Pickaway County Historical Society building, helped weed downtown trees planted by the Beautification Society, helped students with plantings at Nicholas Drive School and Head Start. Gardenwood assisted with the Circleville Plant Pickaway County Ameriflora '92.

Gardenwood decorated windows for the Merchant display during Pumpkin Show winning many blue ribbons. Members still help register entrants in the Flower Show as well as helping register Pickaway County Fair Garden Show entrants.

Gardenwood donated shrubs for the Native Garden at the new Pickaway County District Public Library.

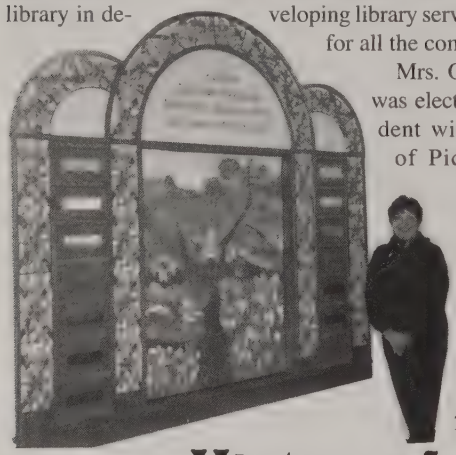
Monthly programs provide interesting speakers and workshops. Flower Shows and Wreath Shows were held some years.

A gardening book is donated to the library once a year in honor of the current president.

-Submitted by Lyn Fisher

Friends of the Pickaway County District Public Library

The Friends of the Pickaway County District Public Library was established in November 1975 as a Bicentennial Project. The purpose is to increase and maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to foster and promote good public relations and public attention on the library; to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowment and bequests to the library; and to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and facilities for all the community.



Teda Theis

Mrs. O.C. (Ellen) West was elected the first president with 104 residents of Pickaway County comprising the charter membership.

Through the years the Friends have supported the Library with gifts and volunteer time. The Friends have sponsored speakers, exhibits, enrichment programs, author visits with book signings, etc. The Friends coordinate a "Book for Newborns" program that provides a packet for parents of newborns through Berger Hospital. The packets include a board book for the newborn and information for parents.

In the past several years the Friends have focused on helping general interest and funds to build a much needed new library. This dream was realized with the opening of the Younkin Branch Library in Ashville in 1999 and the new Pickaway County District Public Library in Circleville in 2003. The Friends held a contest for the design of a donor wall for the new main library. The winner was local artist, Teda Theis, and her mural with plaques of donors' names adorns the entrance of the library.

Currently the Friends continue to support the library with a nine member executive board and approximately 200 members. Memberships range from junior memberships for those under 18, to life members who have a book donated to the library in their name. The primary fundraisers are the used book sales held in the garage room of the main library.

-Submitted by Karen Schieman

History of Public Library Service in Pickaway County, Ohio

A public library was established in 1873 as the Circleville Public Library and opened on July 1 with a collection of 974 volumes in the Odd Fellows Hall. Other "homes" for the library included the Court House, Edwin F. Olds' building, YMCA and Wittich's Hall. In 1892, the library moved into Memorial Hall at the corner of Main and Pickaway.

Bookmobile service began in February 1938. In the first six trips, more than 1,100 new borrowers were registered and more than 1,400 books were circulated.

The Circleville Public Library became the Pickaway County District Public Library in 1949.

Storytime on Wheels was added in 1991 to reach preschool children throughout the county.

The library's first branch opened December 16, 1999, in Ashville. The family of the late Floyd E. Younkin worked with community leaders from the Teays Valley Civic Association to make this a reality. The 5,000-square-foot facility includes 12 public computers and a meeting room. In its first year, the branch issued over 1,000 new cards and circulated nearly 46,000 items.

In 1994, the library board purchased the former Ames Department Store building at 1160 North Court Street. In 1998, the board agreed to least 17,000 square feet of the 46,000-square-foot building to Berger Health Systems.

Formal fund-raising efforts for the "Main Move" began in 2001. On January 6, 2003, the main library moved into its new facility on Court Street in Circleville with more than 100,000 volumes. More than 6,200 people came through the doors that first week.

The library had been housed in Memorial Hall for 110 years and had outgrown the available 8,100 square feet. The new facility is nearly 29,000 square feet and includes a meeting room, 24 computers with Internet access and adequate space for all collections.

Circulation in 2004 totaled nearly 416,000 volumes for the library system.

-Submitted by Michelle Callahan

Memorial Hall, Library was open in this building in 1892-2002

New Pickaway Co. Library, was opened, Jan. 6, 2003

Pickaway County Chamber of Commerce

The Pickaway County Chamber of Commerce, as it is currently known, was founded in 1916 as the Circleville Chamber of Commerce. Their slogan was "Better, Bigger Circleville" and it was compiled of eleven officers and directors. Those individuals and their positions were: J.D. Hummel, President; Frank A. Marion, Vice President; C.G. Shulze, Treasurer; E. Jay Howenstine, Secretary-Manager; T.O. Gilliland, Director-Organization Affairs; W.E. Crist, Director-Business Affairs; J.C. Goeller, Director-Civic Affairs; H.M. Crites, Director-Agricultural Affairs, and Directors at Large, C.E. Groce, S. B. Orr and E. Sensenbrenner.

In the First Annual Report published in 1917, a letter from the Board of Directors stated information that still holds true today, eighty-eight years later. Referring to the report, the most frequently asked question was "What is the Chamber of Commerce doing." From our experience, that is still the most frequently asked question in 2005. It was stated, "the greatest accomplishment of any Chamber of Commerce is first to induce fellowship within its borders."

The Chamber of Commerce oversaw several auxiliary organizations such as the Farmer's Club, Automobile Club, Advertising Club, Salesmanship Club, Pickaway Red Cross Society as well as in that same year assumed responsibility for the Pumpkin Show, which celebrated its fourteenth anniversary that year! According to the Directory published in the back of the report, there were 65 different categories of businesses that were among the membership rolls. Some of those were Broom Manufacturers, Buggies & Implements, Canning Factories, Carriage & Wagon Manufacturer, Coal Dealers, Express Companies and 5&10 cent stores to name a few.

Total income for the Chamber's first year in existence was $2697.32 with $2675.23 in expenses for a net profit of $22.09 with a majority of the expenses towards salaries and "organization expenses."

The Introduction stated that the Chamber of Commerce was "built upon a foundation of Service, cooperation and adequate income and stands as the guiding hand to the Industrial, Social, Civic and Agricultural life in Circleville. It is an organization to promote the highest standard of efficiency, individually and collectively to direct and promote the welfare of your city." Today our mission is "to stimulate business achieving a return on investment for our members." So as mission statements change and evolve over the years, the course philosophy of the organization remains the same, to promote our community and to assist the businesses in their success.

One of the Chamber's directors who knew what it meant to serve our community and our members was the Director for over thirty years, Jean Ankrom. Mrs. Ankrom led the organization to be the premier resource for attracting new business to our community. We have Mrs. Ankrom to thank for the strong industrial base that exists in our county and for the nature in which she not only worked on attraction but retention and promotion as well.

Today the Pickaway County Chamber of Commerce is a strong organization serving over 300 member-investors and the greater Pickaway County. We definitely wouldn't be where we are today if not for all the hard work of our founding fathers.

-Submitted by Amy Elsea

Marfield Bank now houses the Chamber of Commerce, Visitor's Bureau and The Ted Lewis Museum.

The Ted Lewis Museum

The Ted Lewis Museum was dedicated on June 5, 1977. His widow, Adah, who had dreamed of a museum in the hometown that Ted loved so much, was present to cut the large ribbon which crossed the front door. Celebrities, relatives, friends and Ted Lewis admirers came from far and near to attend the dedication. The museum is open 1:00 to 5:00 Fridays and Saturdays, except holidays, and can be open by special appointment for tours and visitors. Call the museum at 470-477-3630 for more information.

Theodore Leopold Friedman was born June 6, 1890 in an apartment across the street from where his museum stands today. His parents owned Friedman's Bazaar, an emporium which supplied the womenfolk of Pickaway County with the latest fashions.

From his childhood, young Theodore was less than enthusiastic about ladies' wear. His earliest employment consisted of "sweeping up" both inside and outside the store. In his spare time, he mowed lawns to earn money for a clarinet and, upon its purchase, became a member of the Circleville Boys' Band.

The Friedmans enrolled Theodore in a business college in Columbus, Ohio, but the stage struck youth played hooky. He worked in Goldsmith's Music Store and persuaded Gus Sun, who operated a vaudeville-circuit, to give him a job. He was soon in New York City, working in a cabaret. This was not the future Mr. Friedman had in mind for his son. While on a buying trip to the big city, he discovered the lad's whereabouts and hustled him home.

But, it was too late! Gotham beckoned and young Theodore was soon back with renewed determination. He played at a small theatre were the marquee said Ed Lewis and Ted Lewis. He went to the manager and said hey, I thought I was playing here. The manager said you are, Friedman, but, your name is too long to fit on my marquee, so I changed it. From then on he was known to the world as Ted Lewis, but, he never legally changed his name.

Ted's show business career lasted over 60 years. Throughout his career he maintained one method, one style of administering song and dance. His brand of syncopated jazz became a national craze. He gave command performances for nine U.S. Presidents and the King of England!

The battered old top hat which became Ted Lewis' trademark was acquired in a dice game at Rector's in 1916. The lucky top hat is in the memorial case at Ted's museum along with his clarinet and the sheet music of *When My Baby Smiles at Me*, Ted's theme song.

The Ted Lewis Museum is housed in the only remaining edifice which stood on the original circle. The building is owned by the Pickaway County Historical Society. Upon Ted's death, his beloved wife of 56 years, Adah, was asked by The City of New York, The Smithsonian Institute, Yale University, and Harvard University for Ted's memorabilia. She politely declined, and said that Ted's memorabilia is going to "The Capital of the World, Circleville, Ohio".

The Museum archives serve as a valuable resource for researchers of early 20th century music. The Ted Lewis Theater provides a chance for visitors to see Ted Lewis in performance on tape from his movies and TV appearances.

-Submitted by Grace Wiggins

Ted Lewis

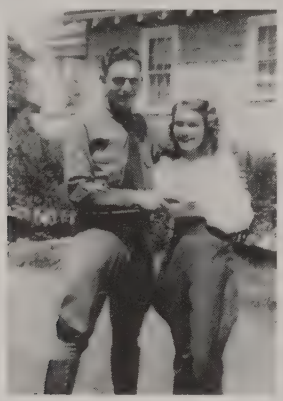
Tom Wells in 1935 in front of the Weaver & Wells Restaurant at Court & High Streets during the Circleville, Pumpkin Show. This was the first wire photo taken in Circleville and was sent to the Columbus Dispatch.

Families

The children of Clifton and Bertha Dunkle Dresbach. This picture was taken in 1927. They lived in a big brick home on Rt. #32, in Harrison Township. Now, the Renick farm. They are: Louise Eakin, Helen Bowsher, Marjorie Reed, Mary Spence, Lela Pontious, and Charles Dresbach.

PAUL & ELLA ADAMS

Paul J. Adams and Ella J. (Perry) Adams were married in the year of 1943. Paul was in the U.S. Army stationed in New Jersey. They lived in Forest, Ohio, Plain City, Ohio, Marion, Ohio and Ashland, Kentucky. They came back to Plain City, Ohio and then in 1959, moved to Pickaway County on Parkview Avenue, Circleville, Ohio. Paul worked for the telephone company for 41 years. Ella worked as a nurse at Berger Hospital, Circleville, and at Logan Elm Nursing Home, Circleville. She also worked at Mercy Hospital in Columbus, Ohio and returned to Logan Elm Nursing Home and Brown's Nursing Home, Circleville.



Paul J. Adams & Ella J. Adams, 104 Lewis Street, Eatontown, NJ, 1943.

Their oldest son, James Larry, started high school as a freshman. He joined the football team and played four years. He went to Morehead Kentucky State College taking teaching and taking part in all sports. James Larry married his college sweetheart and moved to New Hampshire. He taught school in Kene New Hampshire High about ten years. He received a promotion to Vice Principal and is still there in 2004.

Wayne Barry, their second son, started school at Atwater School, Circleville in the sixth grade and went to Everts School and then graduated at Circleville High School. He joined the U.S. Navy for four years. When he returned, he took a job with the State Highway Department. His next job was with St. Francis Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio and from there to Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, as an alumni director for 10 years. Wayne Berry next went to Williamsburg, Virginia as an alumni director for seventeen years. His next job was at Florida State University as president of the alumni association where he is now in 2004.

Their daughter, Vicki Lynn, was born at Berger Hospital, Circleville. She attended Atwater School, Circleville, for six years. She graduated from Circleville High School on Clark Drive, Circleville. She went to Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. In her third year at Ohio University she met the man she was to marry. She and Michael Anderson were married and moved to Centerville, Ohio and later bought a home in Kettering, Ohio.

-Submitted by Paul and Ella Adams

DAVID & CHRISTENA (RUNKLE) ADKINS

David Adkins, son of David and Christina (Hott) Adkins, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio on January 12, 1844. Younger David was reared on the home farm and assisted his father, until the father's death in 1863. He then took charge of his father's large interest and continued to operate the farm for his mother, Christina (Hott) Adkins and his three sisters.

It was the same township, Walnut Township, Ohio, that David met and married Christena Runkle. Christena was also born in Walnut Township, on October 26, 1846. She was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Kroninger) Runkle.

David and Christena were married on November 16, 1864 in Pickaway County. After their marriage, David continued to operate the family farm and eventually his aged mother made her home with him and his wife Christena.

David purchased 418 acres in Wayne and Jackson Townships . . . not far from Circleville. This parcel of land would be called Wild Wood Park Farm. He would go on to sell this farm only to purchase another one, located on the Old State Pike halfway between Circleville and Williamsport. It was here that he and his family resided until his death.

David & Christena Adkins and children.

David and Christena had 15 children all born in Pickaway County: Ella F., born January 12, 1865 and wife of Andrew Herbert; Mary Etta, born February 24, 1868 and wife of Elmer Ellsworth Helwagen; Allona E., born April 24, 1870; Harry W., born March 26, 1872; Charles Irving, born March 1, 1873 (died 20 days after birth); Harriet, born February 5, 1875; Estella, born July 5, 1877 and wife of Benjamin Metzger; Gertrude, born September 18,1879 and wife of Frederick B. Betts; Wilbur, born November 25, 1881; George Hoadley, born November 18, 1883; Addie Alice, born November 27, 1885; David Earl, born February 8, 1888; twin boys Daniel Warren and Emmanuel Eugene, born April 29, 1890; and Merle Augusta, born August 11, 1894.

David was a lifelong Democrat and served two terms as County Commissioner of Pickaway County. He was Justice of the Peace and a member of the Jackson Township School Board. He was also one of the leading members and supporters of the English branch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church where he was a deacon.

David Adkins passed away on June 20, 1910 . . . Christena on April 13, 1923 and both lay at rest in the Springlawn Cemetery in Williamsport, Ohio.

-Submitted by Roberta DiBrino

MARCUS FRANCIS ALBRIGHT

This is the history of the Marcus Francis Albright Family as far as it has been researched, remembered by him, or told to him.

L-R, Back: Tamara Jane, Timothy Jay, Marcus Andrew, Matthew Lynn, Athena Kay. Front: Marcus Francis & Carol.

He was born at home in Ross County on November 11, 1930, the first-born of Roberta (Miller) Albright (4/1/1911 – 9/3/1996) of Ross County, Ohio and Christopher William Albright (12/16/1906 – 7/25/1990) of Pickaway County.

His paternal grandparents were Effie (Hampshire) Albright (9/20/1881 – 9/8/1956) and William Henry Albright (7/28/1871 – 4/18/1957). His paternal great grandparents were Louisa (Anderson) Albright (5/24/1839 – 2/23/1910) and John Henry Albright (6/4/1839 – 9/7/1913); and Heili (Shaw) Hampshire (3/31/1864 – 12/11/1912) and Lewis Christopher Hampshire (9/18/1850 – 12/29/1926).

His maternal grandparents were Mary (Hammond) Miller Stout (9/9/1883 – 6/19/1973) and Marcus Andrew Miller (8/24/1863 – 1/10/1922). Maternal great grandparents were Lucinda (Holcomb) Hammond (4/18/1855 – 6/30/1918) and James Hammond (8/9/1846 – 10/13/1914). They were married in Pike County on 3/15/1873. Maternal great great grandparents were Nellie (Drake) Hammond and Paul Hammond from Waverly, Ohio. Both men served in the Union Army during the Civil War. James enlisted at age 15 in the 8th Independent Sharpshooters Ohio Volunteers; Paul served in Co.D, 179 Ohio IVF. Paul lost one son out of four serving in the Union army. James met an older brother at Chattanooga who asked, "What are you doing here? Wait until dad finds out!" The Hammond family is buried at Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Ross County near Massieville, Ohio.

Shortly after Marcus' birth, the Albrights moved to Circleville where his parents lived the rest of their lives. Both parents are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

He had one sister, Beverly Ann (Albright)

Willoughby, born September 9, 1932, in Circleville. Beverly married Richard Willoughby (6/5/1931 – 9/4/2003) and they had three children: Melissa Lynn (1/1/1950), Marsha Ann (7/14/1952), and Scott Alan (11/9/1959).

In June, 1948, Marcus enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Orion and the aircraft carrier USS Midway during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio and became a teacher in the Pickaway County School System where he met fellow teacher Carol Jean Krohn, born January 20, 1933, in Pandora, Ohio. They were married on July 19, 1958, and together had five children: Marcus Andrew (10/28/1959), Athena Kay (12/6/1961), Matthew Lynn (9/16/1963), and twins, Timothy Jay and Tamara Jane (5/31/1967).

Marcus Andrew married Julie Kay Brown (8/29/1961) on April 7, 1984, and had three children: Eric Marcus (10/24/1986), Adam Andrew (4/19/1991), and Ethan Clay (9/30/1994). Athena married Dr. Andrew Terence Doris II (4/14/1959) on July 13, 1991, and had three children: Merilise Victoria (6/13/1993), Andrew Terence III (7/4/1995), and Lauren Elizabeth (3/4/1999). Matthew married Pamela Norma Luedeke (10/29/1971) on October 2, 1996, and had four children: Quinton Levi (12/11/1998), deceased, Evan Matthew (4/6/2000), Cade Alexander (5/10/2001), and Alton Heath (4/24/2003). Timothy married Cara Suzanne Stivison (10/16/1968) on May 14, 1994, and had three children: Gabrielle Nicole (5/2/1997), Colton Timothy (6/4/1999), and Peter Thomas (8/28/2001). Tamara married Jeffrey Alan Wilson (4/9/1969) on May 20, 1995, and had two children: Jack Alan (1/25/2001) and Logan Jeffrey (10/21/2002).

-Submitted by Mark Albright

EARL & JUSTINE ANDERSON

John Anderson, a carpenter/farmer, was born in 1750. He lived in New Jersey and Charles Town, Virginia, now West Virginia, before coming to Ohio in 1799. Seven of his eight children – Gershom, Jonathan, Rebekah, John (who moved to Pickaway County), Abigail, "Polly" and Levi – came with him and his wife Deborah Swartz to Ohio. John died in Chillicothe, Ohio in 1815. He was on the board of the Walnut Street United Methodist Church in Chillicothe.

Earl & Justine Anderson

His oldest son, Mahlon Anderson, a harness maker, born 12/18/1772 and wife Rebekah Ryan came to Ohio in 1806. Parents of John (who helped dig the Ohio-Erie Canal in Andersonville, Ross County, Ohio), James, Joseph, Mary, Mariah, George, William, and Mahlon, Jr. (who removed to Illinois). Mahlon, Sr. was first to settle on the land, now named for him, Andersonville in Union Township, Ross County, purchasing land from Major Dunlap who owned the land but had not yet come to Ohio. Mahlon built the first business at Andersonville and with his brother operated a Mill on Deer Creek north of there. He also farmed and had a family cemetery on his farm east of now Route 104.

Mahlon's son, George Anderson, farmer, was born 9/12/1804 and was married in 1827 to Narcissus Watson, born 6/1/1803. Their children were: Francis, Samuel, twins George and Thomas, Rebecca, Edward, John and William. Moving to Louisville, Kentucky in 1829, where Samuel was born 2/20/1830, they returned the next year because of the cholera outbreak. George's son Samuel, was married on 5/10/1855 to Louise Leffingwell, born 6/1/1831. Her first ancestor to America, Lt. Thomas Leffingwell, was one of the founders of Norwich, Connecticut and her grandfather, Captain Samuel Leffingwell, born 2/1/1767, was a sea captain. He was married 1/1/1797 to Louise Whitfield and moved to Norfolk, Virginia where his second son, Baron Lee was born 12/2/1802. Baron married Mary Boyd and settled near Chillicothe, Ohio. They were the parents of eleven children: Louisa Jones Leffingwell, being their first daughter, had siblings Edward, Mary, George, Robert Boyd, Clyde, John Baster, Ophelia, Walter and Baron Lee who went by "Frank" (who married Flora Tice Jones) and were all born near Frankfort, Ohio. The family later moved to Pickaway County.

Samuel and Louisa lived in Deercreek Township east of Williamsport, Ohio prior to Samuel's death 10/26/1892. Louisa died 5/29/1911.

Their son, Robert Boyd Anderson, born 4/1/1863, married his first wife Dora Thompson of Ross County. She died 9 days after the birth of their only child, David Edward "Eddie" Anderson born on 3/19/1890. His father's brother Clyde Anderson, who was married to his mother's sister Alice Thompson, widow of James Crabill, raised "Eddie". "Eddie" was married 8/17/1909 to Mary "Mame" Crawford, born 3/10/1888, and were parents of Opple, Earl Edward and David Eugene and lived south of Williamsport on a farm.

Earl Edward Anderson, born at Dublin Hill, Perry Township, Pickaway County on 1/21/1912, died 3/21/1981, was married in Amanda, Ohio on 12/23/1937 to Justine Bales, born 5/5/1911, died 2/8/1991 and were parents of Judith Ann, Cinda Lou and Paul Edward. Earl, accidentally blinded in his right eye since age three, was an outstanding Pickaway County athlete in baseball, football and basketball. A 1930 Williamsport, Ohio graduate, he was a Methodist, printer, Circleville Oil employee, farmer, township trustee, 32nd degree Mason and Mayor of Williamsport. Justine was a carpenter/farmer at heart.

Paul Edward Anderson was born and graduated high school in Williamsport. He owns his own Mack Tool business and is an accomplished trap shooter. His second wife is Lucille Moss. They are the parents of Dawn, Dana, stepdaughter Ronilynn McFerren and have grandchildren Claire and Holt and step-grandchildren Heather and Amanda McFerren.

-Submitted by Paul Anderson

EMORY ANDERSON FAMILY

Emory Anderson was born on December 15, 1851 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio. He married Lydia Margaret Wilkins in 1870. Emory and Lydia lived on a farm near Whisler, Ohio and later purchased a small farm on State Route 159 between Tarlton and Leistville. They had seven children: Worthie May, Winnie Adelle, Eugene Wilkins, Charles Monroe, Joanna Fay, Letha Belle, and Luther Wilkins. Emory died on November 26, 1918 and Lydia died on June 3, 1926. They are buried in the Praire View cemetery near Whisler, Ohio.

Worthie, Letha, Winnie, Lydia, Luther, Emory Anderson.

Luther Wilkins Anderson was born on August 10, 1893 in Pickaway County. He married Harriet Reed on December 31, 1911. Their children were Frances and Creighton Reed. Luther was a farmer in Pickaway Township for several years. Luther (L.W.) and Harriet (Hattie) moved to Williamsport in 1942. They established a Minneapolis-Moline farm equipment dealership and operated a hardware store. He was Street Commissioner of Williamsport for several years. Luther died on July 18, 1975. Hattie died on September 1, 1976. They are buried in the Hitler Ludwig Cemetery near Circleville, Ohio.

Creighton Reed Anderson was born in 1919. He married Ethel Beatrice Fellenstein in 1937. Their children are Virgil Lee, Norma Jean, Mary Marcella and Creighton Reed Jr. Creighton Anderson Sr. died in August, 2004. Beatrice

(Bea) was very active in the community and the Williamsport Methodist Church. She died on September 5, 1984.

Great-grandchildren of Emory and Lydia Anderson who reside in Pickaway County in 2004 are Norma Jean Gilmore, Marcella Hildenbrand and Virgil Anderson. Reed Anderson lives in Martinsville, Virginia.

Virgil Lee Anderson was born on November 15, 1937 in Pickaway Township. He married Ruby Turvey of Pedro, Ohio on September 19, 1964 at the Williamsport United Methodist Church. They have two sons – Mark Wesley and Stephen Todd. Virgil graduated from Ohio State University in 1960. Virgil was a chemical engineer and consultant for DuPont for 44 years. Ruby is a registered nurse. She graduated from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Portsmouth, Ohio. She has worked for Berger Hospital, in Doctors' offices and Nursing homes.

Mark Wesley Anderson was born on August 7, 1966 in Berger Hospital. He graduated from Ohio State University in 1989 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He married Jamie Charton of Bolivar, Ohio on July 21, 1990. Their children are Brennan Lee and Rachel Elizabeth. Brennan was born on October 12, 1993 and Rachel was born on February 2, 1996. They were both born in Huntington, West Virginia. The family now lives in Proctorville, Ohio.

Stephen Todd Anderson was born on May 1, 1970 in Berger Hospital. Steve graduated from Ohio State University in 1993 with a degree in Business Administration and Transportation Logistics. He married Kimberly Alice Wescott of West Palm Beach, Florida on December 16, 2000 at the Green Turtle Cay in the Bahama Islands. Their daughter, Ashley Pilar, was born on August 30, 2003 in West Palm Beach. The family resides in Hobe Sound, Florida.

-Submitted by Virgil Anderson

LOWELL G. ANDERSON

Born: July 26, 1938, Portsmouth, Ohio

Parents: Floyd (Helen Allen) Anderson
Brother – Howard, Sister – Harriett

Schooling: Graduate of Saltcreek High School - 1956; BS in Education - Capital University - 1963; Masters in Education – Marshall University - 1967; Post Graduate Work – The Ohio State University and Ohio University

Family: Married Glenda Martin – December 21, 1963. Glenda is a graduate of Ohio University with a Masters Degree from Mt. St. Joseph Retired elementary teacher from Monroe Elementary, Westfall Schools

Son: Scott (Kelly Corliss) born 9-15-67
Graduate of Miami University – Bachelor of Arts; Masters – The Ohio State University; Language Analyst – US Government;
Daughter – Brianna born 2-14-05

Daughter:Sarah (Michael) Dewees born 11-11-69;Graduate of Capital University – Bachelor of Science in Education; Masters – Ashland University;Director of Family Ministries – Bethel Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio
Children: Brendan born 7-24-98 and Lauren born 1-5-00

Daughter:Laura (Scott) Colliflower born 6-24-75; Graduate of Xavier; Occupational Therapist; Children: Corinne born 7-3-03.

Career:Elementary Teacher/Administrator – Westfall School – Retired after 37 years; Former Mayor of Mount Sterling – 12 years; Past Master of Mt. Sterling Masonic Lodge 269 F. & A.M.; Member of Madison Plains School Board – 12 years; Member of Mt. Sterling First United Methodist Church; Treasurer of First United Methodist Church; Member/President of Mount Sterling Village Council; Member of Mount Sterling Emergency Squad; Central Committee Madison County Republican Party; Secretary of Ninth Masonic District Officers Association

Hobbies: Enjoying a new adventure with grandchildren; Reading – History and Mystery; Collecting antique tins; Collecting books; Antique automobiles and furniture refinishing; Gardening

-Submitted by Lowell G. Anderson

SHIRLEY RHUEBEN ANDERSON
(1899 – 1969)

John William Anderson was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio and his wife, Emma Newlon, was born in Morgan County, Ohio. They were living in Wayne Township, Pickaway County by 17 July 1899 when their youngest child, Shirley Rhueben was born. By 1900 they had moved to Pickaway Township.

Shirley & Martha Anderson. Dec. 1968. Cypress Gardens, FL

As a young lad, Shirley and his brothers enjoyed buying candy at a store owned by Theodore Freidman's parents. Many years later, Ted Lewis visited with Shirley and his wife. They had a lot of memories to share with each other.

Shirley was a 1918 graduate of Pickaway Township High School. He attended Otterbein College in Westerville until he entered World War I.

Thanksgiving morning, 24 November 1921, Hazel Goff became his bride at the United Brethen Parsonage in Circleville.

Shirley, along with three of his brothers, Lewis, Jim and Howard were motormen for the Railway and Light Company in Columbus.

After Hazel's death in 1923, Shirley married Martha Long from Monroe Township, Pickaway County, on 20 October 1926. He joined the Long Brothers in their farming operation.

Later Shirley rented a farm south of Williamsport. A few years later they bought a farm in Monroe Township where their three children graduated from high school.

His family never knew when a newborn pig, lamb or calf rejected by its mother might be found in the kitchen. They would be reunited with their mother as soon as possible.

He enjoyed having water fights, ballgames, flying kites and picnics with his family. There were always dogs and cats on the farm for work and as pets.

Shirley believed school was very important for his children. He was always available to help with homework and attended all activities at the school. He was a school bus driver.

One Christmas eve after the children were tucked into bed, sleigh bells and a noise were heard on the roof of the house. His children knew they couldn't go downstairs while Santa was there. The true story about this wasn't told until after Shirley's death. What a wonderful memory!

Shirley enjoyed fishing and playing cards. He was active in Star Grange, Farm Bureau and the Mt. Sterling Methodist Church.

He was a victim of narcolepsy for at least 25 years. Very little was known then about the disease. Shirley died June 20, 1969 and is buried along with his wife Martha in Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling.

Their children are: Shirley Ray – who served 28 years in the Air Force and is now in a nursing home in Florida; Margaret Louise – a secretary, married Joe Roberts from London, Ohio, now deceased; and Grace Ellen – a secretary, married William Parker from Cleveland, Ohio. She now lives in Columbus, Ohio.

-Submitted by Grace Parker

MAXINE M. ANDREGG

Maxine M. Andregg was born on a 149 acre farm in Perry Township, Hocking County, Ohio to John W. and Iva M. (Thomas) Carrel on January 6, 1921. The farm was originally 150 acres with one acre off for Bethany Cemetery. She graduated valedictorian from Laurelville High School, Laurelville, Ohio in 1938. On February 13, 1940 she went to work for the United States Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service in Logan, Ohio, cutting out every farm in Hocking County from aerial photos and measuring every field. In 1944 she transferred to Farmers Home Administration, which was a federal government loaning agency. Among notable loans in Pickaway County were the Pickaway County Senior Center, Circleville, and Earnhart Hill Water Company. She worked for this agency in Logan, Marietta, New Lexing-

Donald & Maxine Andregg, Wedding Portrait 6/30/55

ton and Circleville, Ohio. In all, a total of 33 ½ years for the federal government, retiring in 1980 from the Circleville office. She also worked as a secretary for the vice president of Diamond Power Company in Lancaster, Ohio.

She married Donald Andregg on June 30, 1955, and they raised and showed purebred sheep and hogs. Her dad showed Grand Champion Fleece Wool in 1956 at the International Livestock Show, Chicago, Illinois. Her husband died in 1961 and both parents died in 1967. She moved in November, 1967 to Marshall Addition, Circleville, living there 38 years.

She is a member of the Community United Methodist Church, Circleville, Ohio, transferring from Bethany Methodist Church. She has served as a communion steward, was on the evangelism and membership committees, was United Methodist Women treasurer, chairman and secretary of Martha Circle, secretary of trustees and volunteered in the office.

She is a member of the Pickaway County Garden Club and former member of Circleville and Roundtown Garden Clubs. She belonged to the National Secretaries Organization and was voted secretary of the year in 1975. She has volunteered at Berger Hospital, Circleville in the gift shop for 10 years and the Pickaway Senior Center gift shop, office and transportation for 10 years.

-Submitted by Maxine Andregg

ALBERT L. ANGLES

Albert Angles (b. 3-5-1882-d. 6-7-1958) came to Pickaway County, Ohio from Gallia County. He was the son of Daniel and Susan Bentley Angles. He was married on 4-30-1902 to Mary Ellen Thomas Angles (b. 8-22-1885-d. 8-15-1973). Her parents were John S. and Jennie (Jane) Thomas from Gallia County, Ohio. Albert was a farmer in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County. Their last place to live was at Grange Hall in Monroe Township, Pickaway County.

Albert and Mary had seven children: John Clyne Angles (b. 7-26-1902-d. 10-9-1984), Daniel Carl (Kay) (b. 8-27-1904-d. 5-24-1982), Jennie Marcella (b. 10-22-1906-d. 5-9-2002), Charles Benard (b. 4-2-1909-d. 11-1-1981), Susie Helen (b. 12-16-1911-d. 3-17-1977), Albert Hayden (b. 12-6-1915-d. 7-8-1962), and Mary Thelma (b. 9-1-1919).

John (Clyne) married Hazel (Russell) (died May of 2001) and had two daughters, Maxine (Ronald) Kallas of Columbus and Katie Manering of Jackson, Ohio.

Daniel (called him Kay) married Laura (Steele) Henry Angles (b. 6-16-1903-d. 3-9-1988), on 1-14-1975. He married later in life and had no children and farmed. His stepdaugher was June Henry Silvers (Lloyd) Morris (b. 6-8-1924) of London, Ohio (no children).

Marcella married Harry Raymond Porter (b. 11-15-1902-d. 4-24-1994) and was a teacher at Monroe School in Five Points, Ohio. They had three children: Janet, Dean (Joyce), who live in the Mt. Sterling area, and Bud (Mona). Marcella played basketball at Atlanta, Ohio and was on a championship team in 1924.

Charles (Ben) married Mary Evelyn Stump (b. 10-21-1921-d. 7-18-1999). She was the daughter of Augustus (Gus) (b. 1-16-1894-d. 8-1-1979) and Fredericka (Morain) Stump (b. 1-2-1898-d. 2-18-1961) from the Mt. Sterling area. Gus was a farmer and Fredericka a housewife. They were married on 8-24-1916. Gus was the son of Harvey and Luella Ebert Stump of Laurelville, Ohio. Fredericka was the daughter of John William and Bertha Toops Morain of Madison County. Ben was a SGT in World War II, a farmer and worked in different businesses and his last job was as custodian for Westfall Schools. Mary worked for 25 years as a secretary at Monroe Elementary, Five Points (Westfall School) where she graduated from in 1940. They lived on Deercreek Road and watched the Deercreek dam being built. Ben and Mary had two sons: Gary Lynn (b. 7-7-1954) and Larry Joe (b. 6-27-1956). Gary married Debbie Sullivan (b. 2-1-1955) on 12-6-1975. She is the daughter of Edward and Jackie Kies Sullivan. They live in the Mt. Sterling area. Gary works at John Deere in Columbus and Debbie for a lawyer in London, Ohio.

Joe married Connie Sue Drummond (b. 8-3-1957) on 10-28-1979. She is the daughter of David and Marabel Bode Drummond. Joe and Connie have three children: David Joseph Benard (b. 5-20-1983), Michael Branon (b. 11-18-1985) and Amanda Kay (b. 3-12-1987). They live in Deercreek Township in Pickaway County and Joe and his sons farm and Connie works for Westfall School District as an Instructional Aide.

Helen married Thurman See (b. 10-13-1903-d. 12-7-1971) on 6-25-1931 and had two sons: Robert (Bob) (b. 4-15-1934-d. 4-17-1999) and John (b. 2-10-1949) now of Dayton, Ohio. They lived in Williamsport, Ohio. Helen was a psychiatric aide at Orient State Institute, Orient, Ohio for 23 years and Thurman also worked at Orient. Bob married Arlena (Finch) (b. 12-13-1938) on 12/29/1956 and had two children: Chris (Greg Clark) and Todd. Chris has three sons: Jared, Kyle and Nick. Todd has a son Cody. Bob was Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. Bob served as SP3 in the U.S. Army. They all live in the Five Points and Pickaway County area.

Albert (Boots) Hayden married Mildred L. Tomlinson (b. 9-11-1916-d. 11-1-1965) and had one son Allen E. (b. 4-30-1932-d. 6-3-1997). Boots second wife was Kathryn. Boots lost one arm in a farm accident and is buried in Green Lawn Cemetery in Columbus. Allen was in the U.S. Navy in Korea. Allen had a son, Steven. Boots stepson was Robert C. Wissinger.

Thelma married Harry (Booge) Puffinbarger (b. 6-15-1919-d. 4-7-1996) on 9-26-1938. He was a farmer, former Deercreek Township Trustee and served as TEC 5 U.S. Army in World War II. Thelma was a clerk at the Williamsport Post Office. They had two children: Bill Lee Puffinbarger (b. 9-30-1939) married George Ann Chester (b. 2-21-1939) on 6-15-1957. They have two children. Lisa Ann (Garrett) (b. 8-15-1962) who has a son Justin David Varney (b. 5-1-1983) and a daughter Brittany Leann Hedges (b. 1-24-1991). Bill and George Ann's son Dusty Lee (b. 9-3-1967) married Sue Ann Binkley (b. 12-2-1965) on 8-22-1987. Sue is the daughter of Danny and Patricia (Miller) Binkley of Pickaway County. Dusty and Sue have a son Ryan Lee (b. 4-20-1998). Bill retired from John Deere and George Ann has been Williamsport Village Clerk for thirty-nine years.

Thelma and Booge's second child Nancy (b. 9-30-1944) married Sam Weller (b. 8-4-1943) on 8-14-1965 and live in Circleville. Nancy and Sam have two sons: Dr. Samuel David Weller (b.3-27-1968) married Karen Kay Rife (b. 8-15-1969) of Grove City, Ohio on 4-22-1995 and has three children: Kathryn Jeanette (b. 5-8-1999), Samuel Jefferson (b. 3-12-2001) and Elizabeth Kay (b. 4-21-2004). Dr. Weller's practice is in West Jefferson, Ohio.

Nancy and Sam's second son Scott Douglas (b. 6-13-1971) married Melissa Beth Rizzo (b. 6-9-1972) on 9-24-1994 and have three children: Shayne Andrew (b. 8-8-1997), Kassidy Rene

Front Row: Angles Family, Ben, Carl, Albert, Mary. Back: Thelma, Helen, Marcella & Elyne and Hayden Angles.

(b. 4-28-2002) and Alyssa Nicole (b. 9-22-2004). Sam, Nancy and Doug work at SA Weller Construction.

Kay Angles, Marcella and Harry Porter and Ben and Mary Angles are buried in Pleasant Cemetery in Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Mary and Ben are on her family plot with three generations, Morain and Stump.

Albert and Mary Angles, Helen and Thurman See, Bob See, Mildred Angles, Allen Angles and Booge Puffinbarger are buried in Springlawn cemetery in Williamsport, Ohio.

-Submitted by Connie D. Angles

BILL L. ANKROM

Bill Ankrom was born and raised in the Darbyville, Ohio area. He is the son of Mary "Marie" Neff Ankrom and Roy Ankrom. Marie was the daughter of the village blacksmith and hardware owner, Charles Thomas Neff. (Bill, along with his brother Ernest "Snap" and sisters Vivian "Sitter", Norma Jean "Nean", Evelyn Maxine, and Phyllis, grew up in the home where Charles operated his business.) Roy's father, Samuel, was a well-known farmer and staunch church member in the area.

During high school, Bill was involved in many activities at Monroe High School in Five Points, Ohio and was one of thirteen in the 1946 graduating class. Basketball was a true passion of Bill's, even if it meant riding a bike to and from practice during the winter months.

Sports have always played an important part in Bill's life. He remained active in playing sports throughout his early adulthood. He played on a traveling basketball team for several years. He was also a member of the Top Hat Fast Pitch Softball Team (comprised of men from Pickaway County, Ohio) who competed at the state championship level.

The youth of the area have always been important to Bill. In the 1950's, he coached the Circleville DeMolay team, who made it to the State Championship. Many Friday and Saturday nights in the 1950's and 1960's could find Bill and his brother Snap ("The Ankrom Brothers") refereeing high school basketball games. For several years, he coached little league baseball teams in Circleville. He felt that positive attributes in the area youth could be built by being a part of a team. Although winning was important, character building, team work, and improving one's self image was also stressed as part of the summer program on Bill's team. One of Bill's happies memories is when he was awarded the Circleville Youth Baseball Association's Benefactor Award.

Bill is retired from General Telephone Company and the Pickaway County Engineer's Department. Bill is never at a loss of stories! From his days as an employee of GTE, he can tell stories of putting phones in for families in the county and which poles he set by hand. It was not uncommon for him to go out into the storm, dead of night, or a holiday to repair a phone in case a family had an emergency.

Bill married Norma June Coffland in 1949 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Circleville, Ohio where he is an active member, having served on various committees, a member of the choir, and the Crusader Sunday School Class. Bill and June are the parents of Ty (Dacia Luckhart) and Teresa (Milt Emerine), grandparents of Ryan, Sara, and Colin Ankrom, Michelle and Micah Emerine, and great-grandparents of Jacob Ankrom.

-Submitted by Teresa Emerine

NORMA JUNE COFFLAND ANKROM

Norma June Coffland Ankrom is a lifelong resident of Circleville, Ohio. June, as she is called, is the daughter of Leonard E. Coffland of Wayne Township, Pickaway County, Ohio and Mary Stout Coffland of the Stoutsville, Ohio area. (June's maternal ancestors gave the land for the church in that area, hence the name STOUTsville!) June's siblings are Mark (deceased), twins Margie and Marion (deceased), and twins Lois and Leonard "Jack", Jr. (deceased).

Growing up, the summer would find June and the others in the neighborhood of Logan Street, Circleville, Ohio listening for the sound of the canning factory whistles. When the whistle blew, it was a signal that the beans were ready for cleaning so that the canning process could begin. If anyone wanted work, they were to report to the office!

June is a graduate of the Circleville High School class of 1944. (A group from this class can still be found once a month having lunch together!) After graduating, she went to secretarial school in Columbus and worked at Ralston Purina Mills in Circleville, Ohio. June has always attended Calvary United Methodist Church in Circleville, Ohio. She began teaching Sunday School at a young age and continued to do so for several years. She is a member of the Trail Makers Class and the Crusaders Sunday School Class. Wednesday mornings can find June gathering with her church friends for breakfast and fellowship!

In 1949, June married Bill Ankrom at Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Church. Sports soon became an important part of her life since the first week of marriage found her at Bill's basketball games more than home! After that, she was often found at Bill's basketball and softball games. In later years, June became a "sport's mom", spending many afternoons and evenings being her children's and grandchildren's #1 fan!

Children have been an integral part of June's life. She was a founding member of the Child Advancement Club and remained a member for more than 50 years. (The club recently dissolved, but the members still gather each month!) She was a room mother and active PTO member at High Street School each year her children attended there. June worked as a childcare provider for several years. She encouraged each child to be successful and to try hard in whatever they chose to do. Even though June felt that each of those children were special and all have become successful in their own areas, one has gone on to "the big screen". Actress Molly Shannon spent her early years across the street from the Ankroms and in June's care.

June began working at the Pickaway County Auditor's office in the late 1960's and retired from there in 1986. She enjoyed meeting and working with the public!

June continues to live with her husband, Bill, in the house that they built on Pickaway Street. They are the parents of Ty (Dacia Luckhart) and Teresa (Milt Emerine), grandparents of Ryan, Sara, and Colin Ankrom, Michelle and Micah Emerine, and great-grandparents of Jacob Ankrom.

-Submitted by Teresa Emerine

GEORGE WASHINGTON ARLEDGE

George Washington Arledge was born July 18, 1876, the youngest of seven children born to John Arledge and Mary Seymour Arledge of Hocking County, Ohio. George grew up in Jimtown, Hocking County, Ohio. George had two brothers (James Nelson and John F.) and three sisters (Margaret Ann, Sarah J. and Ida May). George's mother died when he was young.

1901, Arledge family: George W., Mary "Molly" and Perlie.

George married Mary "Molly" Temple on June 1, 1900 in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. Mary was born March 1, 1881 in Hocking County, Ohio and died May 26, 1950, just four days before their 50th anniversary, daughter of Ephraim and Harriet Ellis Temple. They moved to Circleville after their marriage. They lived on East Ohio Street and 917 Clinton Street, Circleville. They had seven children, all born in Circleville, viz: Pearl Oscar was born March 16, 1901 in Circleville, died June 19, 1902, buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville; Charles Henry, born March 10, 1903, died April 26, 1963 in Columbus, Ohio, Franklin County, buried in Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery, Circleville; Franklin Lewis, born March 1, 1906, died July 13, 1976, Columbus, Ohio, buried Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery; Floyd, born February 29, 1919, died November 5, 1978, Columbus, Ohio, buried Floral Hills Cemetery, Ashville; Herma Louise, born June 23, 1914, died November 26, 1955, Circleville, Ohio, buried Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery; and Anna Ruth, born September 11, 1921,

died August 25, 1976, Columbus, Ohio, buried Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery.

George grew up on a farm and didn't receive much schooling. He was a teamster by trade. He had his own horses and would do farming for other people. George was honest, religious and a hard worker. He wasn't able to read or write. George was a staunch Republican. He enjoyed horse racing (sulky) and the Pumpkin Show. He drove a car into his '80s. The family were members of The Church of Christ in Christian Union on East Ohio Street in Circleville. George and Mary's names were on the rafters of the old part of the church that burned. They gave the first $100.00 to buy land for the camp meeting grounds on Ohio Street. They have a window in the foyer of the church in their name. Many different ministers visited their home and Rev. O.L. Ferguson was a close friend.

George was six feet tall with brown eyes who enjoyed music, played the harmonica and was a very good dancer. He would call square dancing. Molly was only five feet tall, small in frame but big in heart. They had a large garden and would do a lot of canning. They also had cows, chickens and hogs that helped feed the family during the depression. They had a smokehouse for curing the meat.

-Submitted by Melissa Reeser

JOHN ARNDT

John Arndt and his wife, Susanna Roeder, settled on a farm in Madison Township, Pickaway County in 1837. By 1850 they'd moved to Harrison Township, Pickaway County. John was born in 1785 in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Susanna was born on February 17, 1792 also in Northampton County. They married on November 1, 1812 at the East Reformed Church in Northampton County. Their children, all born in Pennsylvania, were: Elias, George, John, Helena, Sophia Susanna, Jacob, Catherine, Susan, and Elizabeth. In 1856 John and Susanna and most of the children moved to Piatt County, Illinois. John died there in 1867 and Susanna on April 8, 1863.

The Surviving Children of Susan Arndt & Luke Coon. L to R, Front row: George and John Coon. Back row: Sara (Mrs. Andrew Jackson) McKee, Jennie (Mrs. Eli) Adams, & Helena (Mrs. Solomon) Rager. Picture taken approx. 1910-1920.

Elias was born on July 7, 1813. He married Clarissa Daniels in Pennsylvania. They had children: Catherine, Charles, George, John, Barnhart, Caroline Susannah and Horace. The family moved to Muskingum County, Ohio before 1850 where Elias worked on steamboats and drove a stagecoach. Elias died there on August 3, 1879.

George was born about 1816 and on March 3, 1842 in Pickaway County he married Rebecca Doane who was born on March 26, 1823 in Connecticut. She was the daughter of Noble Doane and Samantha Mallory. They had children: Samantha, Cyrene, John Franklin, Henry, Janetta, William Seymore, Emanuel Westernhaver, George Edmund and Frederick. By 1860 George had settled in Franklin County, Ohio.

John Jr., born June 21, 1817, moved with his parents to Illinois and married there twice. He married widow Frances Mallory Boyer of Virginia on October 14, 1860. They had one surviving daughter, Hattie, who became a schoolteacher. Fanny died in 1864. He then married widow Eliza Graham Miller of Kentucky on December 3, 1865. Their only child, John III, died on September 17, 1867 at five days old. Eliza died on April 19, 1887 and John Jr. died the following year on March 23, 1888.

Helena was born in 1822. She married Michael Dent, an English born shoemaker, on September 12, 1852 in Pickaway County. They had children: John, Elizabeth, Tucker, Emma, Charles, Osceola and Helena. The family eventually settled in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County by 1870. Michael Dent became a minister. Helena died on May 9, 1912. Michael died on May 23, 1913.

Sophia Susanna was born December 14, 1823 and married George Hoover on February 3, 1848 in Pickaway County. George was born in 1824, the son of Elias Hoover of Walnut Township, Pickaway County. Their only child, Catherine Elizabeth, was born in 1849. The family moved to Illinois with Sophia's parents.

Susan was born about 1831. She married Luke Coon, son of George Coon and Sarah Cutler, on March 2, 1848 in Pickaway County. Their children, Sarah Catherine, John, Helena and George were born in Ohio. Their children Susan Emily and Jennie were born in Illinois. Susan died on November 9, 1859 in Piatt County, Illinois. Luke died on January 9, 1887 at the home of his daughter Helena in Putnam County, Ohio. Helena had married Solomon Rager of Franklin County.

Elizabeth was born about 1833. On September 24, 1854 she married William Wells, who was born in England. William was a shoemaker. The couple moved to Piatt County where their children Susan, Frank and William were born. The family was in Oswego, Labette County, Kansas by 1870.

No trace of Jacob has been found. Catherine, age 21, was living with her parents in Harrison Township in 1850. It's uncertain what happened to her.

-Submitted by Lawrence Hayes

ASHER/DAVIS FAMILY

The ASHERs have resided in what is now Pickaway County for almost 200 years. Peter Russel ASHER was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, about 1765 and migrated to Ohio in 1808 or 1809, settling in that portion of Ross County which became Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, in 1810. He was the grandson of John ASHER, a tobacco planter in Spotsylvania (now Culpeper) County, Virginia who was granted patents of 400 acres each in 1721 and 1728 for the fertile land situated in the Great Fork of the Rappahannock River. Peter farmed in neighboring Shenandoah County where he married Sally RIDER on 29 Dec 1795. Peter and Sally had at least six young children with them when they made the trek to Ohio. Sally must have died shortly after their arrival as Peter married Rachel ABRAHMS in Ross County on 14 Jul 1811.

Peter and Sally's youngest son, Lorenzo D. ASHER, was born about 1805 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. He married Nancy ATHERTON 27 Jan 1825 in Pickaway County and farmed in Jackson Township, Pickaway County. Their son James Harvey (1831-1905) married Melissa Ellen BOWDLE (1837-1906) on 10 Jan 1855. Ellen was the daughter of "Captain" Henry BOWDLE (New Holland Town Marshall) and Emily LINDSEY, both born in Maryland. Harvey served in the Civil War, 155th O.N.G. Infantry, Company I. Ellen and Harvey lived in New Holland, Ohio and had eight children, four of whom died young. The surviving children were Harry Lorenzo (1856-1933), Joseph Trimble (1859-1936), Thomas Jeptha (1861-1949), and Charles (1871-1945).

Joseph Trimble ASHER founded and played the bass horn in "Asher's Coronet Band", and was a member of the New Holland Village Council for 25 years. His nickname was "Hook" after his hero, Fighting Joe Hooker, a Union General in the Civil War. "Hook" ASHER was well known to the farmers around New Holland for he repaired the pumps they used to water their livestock. On 14 Apr 1881, he married Mary Katherine DAVIS (1862-1941).

The DAVIS family came to Pickaway County somewhat later than the ASHERs, although they were in Fayette County by 1820. William DAVIS was born in Virginia about 1750. He migrated to Kentucky, probably as a member of "The Traveling Church", a congregation of 600 souls who followed Baptist Minister Lewis Craig from Virginia to Garrard County, Kentucky, in 1781. Four years later, he moved to Fayette County, Kentucky, where he remained until his death.

William's son, James N. DAVIS (1774-1826) married Mildred RADCLIFF on 22 Jul 1797 in Bourbon County, Kentucky and with their nine children, James and Mildred moved to Ohio, locating in Wayne Township, Fayette County about 1815. They lived near Compton and James is buried in Compton Cemetery. Their children were: Benjamin Radcliff (1798-1862), William B. (1802), Nancy (1803), Mary (1805), Jeptha D. (1808-1867), James Marshall (1809), Malinda (1810), Tabitha (1812), and George Washington (1814).

Jeptha was a physician and chose to practice in Greenfield, Ohio in Highland County. He married Lydia PAXTON and they had seven children: Jeptha (1834), Benjamin R. (1836), Margaret J. (1838), William H. (1840), Lydia (1842), Catharine (1845), and Herman (1852). Benjamin R. followed his father's profession and became a physician as well as his son Charles "Doc" Davis. Both Benjamin and Charles would practice medicine in New Holland for a number of years. Benjamin R. married Margaret R. ELDER on 4 Sep 1861 in Highland County and a few years later, moved his young family and new medical practice from Greenfield to New Holland, where their daughter Mary Katharine would marry Joseph Trimble ASHER on 14 Apr 1881.

Kate and J.T. ASHER had 3 children: Ethel Marie (1882-1952), who taught school in New Holland, then Lima, Ohio and never married; Carlton Radcliffe (1884-1918), who married Leota MYERS and had 2 sons; and Don Frank (1895-1966) who remained in New Holland and married on 13 Apr 1921, Ruth Jane GODDEN "Rougie" (1904-1997), the daughter of John Roy and Henrietta (Ater) GODDEN of Clarksburg, Ohio in Ross County.

Don was a rural mail carrier for 46 years, starting in 1915 when he delivered his route by horse and buggy. He served in Company G, 22nd U.S. Army Engineers in World War I. He also dealt in livestock, as did his second son, Richard Roy, who served with the U.S. Army in World War II as a G2 clerk in the Paris office of General Omar Bradley. The oldest son, Joe Frank, a graduate of Ohio University, Athens and The Ohio State University School of Law, Columbus maintained his practice in Columbus, Ohio. Both Joe and Dick joined their father in breeding Standardbred horses which they delighted in racing at the Pickaway and Ross County Fairs, as well as participating in Grand Circuit racing throughout the country. The horse business was truly a family affair. Rougie would sometimes be drafted to help train one of the horses by driving the family Chevrolet at measured pace up and down some quiet back road while Don held the lead shank out the car window. Don and Rougie's third child was Mary Ellen, who currently lives in New Holland.

During World War II Mary Ellen worked in Washington D.C. for the Veteran's Administration. She retired from Dayton Power & Light with thirty-six years of service and has served as Perry Township Clerk for many years. Mary Ellen has a son Rick and a granddaughter Ericka.

-Submitted by Mary Schwart

GEORGE ATER FAMILY

One of the most prolific families that ever located in the Northwest Territory, was the family of George Ater. George was a German by birth, having been born in the year 1745 to Casper and Vandelanah Eader (the German for Ater). In 1765, Casper and his family came to America and settled near Fredericktown, Maryland. George, the seventh son of Casper, married Mary Boyer of Harper's Ferry, Virignia, and resided there until Mary's death.

With the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, George Ater enlisted in the American War for Independence as a member of the Virginia Military serving under General George Washington and was subsequently wounded in combat. George Ater was paid for his military service with land in the Virginia Military District of the Ohio Country. George Ater walked to the Ohio Country, in 1799, with his nine children, Abraham, Isaac, Catherine, Jacob, Mary Jane, George, Jr., Samuel, Thomas, William, and Abraham's wife Charity. They made the long, weary, and dangerous journey of many hundred miles with the men walking and the women riding horses. At the Ohio River the family obtained a flat boat, floated to the Scioto River, then north to Chillicothe, and then settled along the Deercreek.

General Nathaniel Massie who helped divide the Northwest Territory gave George Ater title to land at the Ohio Land office at Chillicothe. Here the family began a new life farming the ground in the bounteous beauty of the Virginia Military District lands west of the Scioto. George Ater served on the first grand jury for Pickaway County in 1810. George's seven sons served in the War of 1812 and his grandsons fought in the War Between the States and generations have served in all conflicts thereafter.

Abraham & Elmira Ater

Abraham "Big Abe" Ater, the Great, Great Grandson of George Ater, was a giant of a man, whose living and posthumous history is worthy of a page in Ripley's "Believe It Or Not." At death Abraham weighed 380 pounds and stood six feet, four inches in his stocking feet. Abraham made Herculean history of a sort during the Civil War in which he served with the 89th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Abraham enlisted August 9, 1862 into the Union Army's Company "K" at age 18, and was sent to Camp Dennison near Cincinnati to train. As a hefty 18-year-old, Abraham bested one of the army "blood-suckers or money-grabbers" that invaded Army camps with a strength-testing machine. It consisted of a spiral encased in a closed cylinder with an attached rod surmounted by a double handhold for lifting. As the center rod was raised, it turned a pointer on the dial face to indicate the number of pounds lifted. The greedy huckster charged five cents per lift. A member of Abraham's company informed the machine's owner that he knew a lad who could tear the "innards" out of the thing. "Bring him on, I'll not charge him anything if he does," was the retort of the money-grabbing owner. Abraham grabbed hold and began to twist and soon the machine began to crack and another twist brought the entrails out of the thing. The service men let out a "Hurrah" and the bloodsucker slunk out of camp, minus his moneymaking machine. Abraham was in twenty-nine hard fought battles of the Civil War including Chickamauga, Ga., Chattanooga, Tenn., Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., Atlanta, Georgia, and was with General William Tecumseh Sherman in his famous "March to the Sea." Abraham was present when General Joseph Eggleston Johnston surrendered, April 26, 1865, to General Sherman. The 89th was a well-known regiment in the Civil War and was one of the first to enter Atlanta as the rebels were fleeing. Besides fighting, Abraham could carry two wounded men from the battlefield at one time, one under each arm and single-handedly tote outsized logs for the campfires.

Service to community has continued in the Ater family. Ula Jean Ater Metzler, the great granddaughter of Abraham, was elected Pickaway County Commission in 2000. Ula Jean's lineage from George Eader is as follows: Abraham Ater, John Ater, Sr., Abraham "Big Abe" Ater, Bernie Ater, John Ater, Ula Jean Ater Metzler. The Ater farm on Ater Road has been in the Ater family since 1825 and has been recognized by the Ohio Department of Agriculture as a Century farm.

-Submitted by Ula Jean Ater Metzler

PAUL ATWOOD

Growing up, Paul Atwood listened to his mother, Dorothy Harral Atwood, talk a lot about her grandmother, Nancy McKinley, coming over from Ireland to escape the potato famine.

Nancy McKinley was born December 1, 1831 in Rock Port, Ireland, to Edward and Anna (Riddle) McKinley. They came from County Monaghan.

The family came to America on the ship "Sheffield" which left Great Britain on May 14, 1844. They made their way to Ohio, with the final leg of the journey being on the Ohio-Erie Canal. They got off at Circleville, Ohio.

Recently, at the Pickaway County Court House, Paul found that Deed Book 123, page 153, explained how the farm that he grew up on at Turney Caldwell Road, Jackson Township, was passed down from generation to generation.

Nancy McKinley married Joseph McKinley on September 13, 1853. Joseph McKinley had bought a 341 acre farm from his father and mother, William and Elizabeth (Heron) McKinley on July 14, 1853 for $2,000.00. He and Nancy lived on the farm until his death on March 24,

1867. No children were born of this union.

Nancy McKinley inherited the farm and later married Paul's great grandfather, William Harral, on August 23, 1870. He was born on May 1, 1840 in Hallsville, Ross County, Ohio.

Nancy and William were blessed with a son, Simon (Paul's grandfather), who was born November 6, 1874 on the farm.

Simon married Ollie Valentine on September 18, 1906. They had four children – Dorothy Mae (mother of Paul b. November 7, 1907), followed by Rose Alma, Nancy Marvine and Edgar Augustus.

The house that Paul grew up in still stand on the farm. A receipt found in the house after Paul's mother died showed that the house had been built in 1909 for $200.00 Most of the lumber for the house and barn (1910) came from the woods located on the farm.

McKinley home built in 1909 at 17383 Turney Caldwell Road. Barn Built in 1910.

Nancy McKinley Harral died on April 17, 1912 in Pickaway County, Ohio. She and husband William Harral are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville. In her will she deeded the land to her grandchildren, the children of Simon and Ollie (Valentine) Harral. Simon and Ollie Harral are also buried in Forest Cemetery.

Dorothy received 112 acres on what was then named Fulton Road but is now Turney Caldwell Road in Jackson Township.

Clement Atwood died December 13, 1972 and Dorothy Harral Atwood died on June 10, 1986, willing the farm to her two remaining children, Paul Atwood and Roger Atwood. Paul and his wife Betty built a home on one corner of the farm in 1972. Their son, Eric, and his wife have built a house on two acres of the farm. Paul and Betty's daughter, Marcia, is living in the "homeplace" with her husband and son. Paul and Betty's grandson, is the sixth generation to live on the farm.

When the barn was built in 1910, Paul's mother Dorothy was three years old. One of the builders drew around her foot on the hay loft floor. The builder then cut out the footprint making a hole in the floor which can still be seen today.

Paul has brought together the stories he listened to as a child with lots of documentation and genealogical research.

-Submitted by Paul Atwood

BARNES FAMILY

John, Joseph (Methodist Minister), Andrew, and Henry Barnes came from Ireland to America

Henry Barnes, Sr. son of John & Elizabeth Barnes.

about 1784, settling in Virginia. John worked as a millright and carpenter. Going to Pennsylvania to build a mill he became acquainted with and later married Elizabeth Moyer in Pennsylvania in 1787 and then settled in Virginia. In 1799 after their sixth child was born they crossed over the Allegheny mountains, packing everything they had on horses, all the brothers and their families also came. The youngest children of John and Elizabeth, Catherine and George, made the trip in baskets made of rushes and put across the back of their old gentle horse. Those who could walk drove their stock before them and tied up at night. The wild animals would come up close to the camp, so close the dogs ran into the tent. After shooting a rifle shot into the darkness the wild animals left. Just after crossing the Allegheny mountains they encountered a river which they could not cross, so stayed there for a time while John Barnes built a ferry boat and soon set out for the destination which was Pickaway County, Ohio near Circleville which was then a fort. John and Elizabeth's children are: 1-Mary Magdalena b.1788, mar. David Stiverson; 2-Elizabeth b.1790, mar. Abram Marquiss; 3-William b.1792, mar. Sarah Marquiss; 4-Susanna b.1794 5-George; b.1795, mar. Rebecca Marquiss; 6-Catherine b.1798, mar. Wm. Pearce; 7-John b.1805, mar. Jemima Suddeth; 8-Henry b.1808, mar. 1-Elizabeth Young, 2-Lyditha Howard, 3-Mary Scott, 4-Margaret Ann Arrowsmith. John died November 19,1834 and is buried in the Old Herinstein Renick Cometery. Land bought and sold by John and Elizabeth: 1811 sold 60 acres to Wm. Seymore in Pickaway Co., 1817 bought 100 acres on the waters of Darby Creek in Pickaway Co. from Duncan and Nancy McArthur, 1827 bought 113 ½ acres from Guy and Charlotte Doan, 1835 upon Johns' death 100 acres was sold to Johnathan Rennick.

-Submitted by Sandra Blaesing

CLARENCE R. BARNHART FAMILY

The ancestor of the Clarence R. Barnhart family was Matthias Bernhard who was born in 1730 in Germany. He came from Rotterdam sailing on the ship Royal Union on August 15, 1750 and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He was listed as a private in the Pennsylvania Militia during the Revolutionary War. He died in 1794. He had three sons – William b1769, Matthias Jr. b1770, and Lorentz b1772; Matthias Jr. and Lorentz moved to Ohio in 1810. Matthias Jr. settled in Dry Run and Lorentz east of Kinnikinnick. Their last name is now Barnhart, an American respelling of the German Bernhard.

Matthias Jr. had the following family – George b1798, William the Elder b1802, John, Samuel, and Simon. George became a famous gunsmith (rifle maker). He died in 1844. George's son, William the Younger b1825, was a farmer, a noted rifle maker, and died in 1891. He had two wives with 10 children from each wife. His first wife was a Coy. Among her 10 was Abraham b1876. Abraham married Mariah Gearhart and had the following family: Edward b1876, Alice (Cline) b1877, Arly b1880, Ida (Marburger) b1883, Clarence R. b1886, Anna b1889, William b1893, and Howard b1896. His wife Mariah was b1856 and d1922. Abraham was a farmer, lived in later life in Circleville and died in 1940.

Clarence R. was raised on a farm in Walnut Township. He attended Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio and became the principal at Mt. Vernon Business University. He married Rose Ann Woolever, b1886, in 1908 in Circleville. Clarence became president of the Winorr Canning Company, served a number of years on the Circleville Board of Education as its president, and for many years was the Sunday School Superintendent of the First Methodist Church. He died in 1956 and his wife Rose (Woolever) in 1976. They are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery, Walnut Township, along with father Abraham and brother Howard, who d1918 at Camp Sherman in the service during World War I.

They had four sons and one daughter: Ralph Emerson b1909, d1988; Emmett Wesley b1911, d1989; Clarence Ray b1913, d1981; Wahnita Louise b1920; and Glenn Woolever b1924. Ralph, a musician, married Betty (Swanstrom) b1912, d2002 and had son, Richard b1940. Emmett, an accountant, married Miriam (Barnes) b1911, d1998 and had William b&d1941, John b1944, and Elizabeth (Yors) b1946. Clarence Ray, a bank manager, married Helen (Mitten) b1913, d1977, and had Barbara (Cooke) b1942, Robert b1946, and Linda (Lowry) b1947. Wahnita married Donald Henry b1919, d1995, and had Judy b1947, David b1950, and Susan b1951, d1989. Wahnita lives in Lawrence, Kansas. Glenn, an industrial engineer, had served in WWII as a B-29 Navigator in the Pacific Theatre. In 1950 he married Margaret (Stevenson) b1927 at the farm of Carolyn & Bruce Stevenson outside of Circleville. They had Glenn Michael b1952, Carolyn (Olvis) b1954, and David b1957. Glenn and Margaret live in Dayton, Ohio.

-Submitted by Glenn W. Barnhart

JOHN FLORENTINE BARR

John Florentine Barr was born December 30, 1878 near Amanda, Ohio. His maternal grandfather was John Leist, the esteemed statesman and homebuilder of Fairfield County. He married Carrie Blanche Peters on February 1, 1900. She was the daughter of Alva Lafayette and Caroline Peters of East Ringgold. Caroline Peters was

John Florentine and Blanche Peters Barr Family. Front row: Homer, Ernset, Melvin, John, Blanche, Grace, Helen, Merle. Back row: Ralph, Clyde, Aaron, John, Amy, Ola, Glenn, Mary, Martha.

a descendent of Tunis Peters, a revolutionary war veteran, native of Virginia and early Ohio settler. John and Carrie Blanche lived in East Ringgold and were the parents of 16 children, 15 of whom reached adulthood: Melvin, Grace, Helen, Ernest, Merle, Amy, Ola, Homer, John, Aaron, Ross, Clyde, Ralph, Glenn, Mary, and Martha. John and his family operated a local grocery store in Ringgold as well as a huckster route for the surrounding areas. Today there are 200 descendants from this family. John, Carrie Blance and many of their descendants are buried at the Reber Hill Cemetery, Walnut Township. Surviving children are Ralph T. Barr of Ashville, Mary E. McFarland of Atlanta, and Martha I. Frazier of Stoutsville.

Ralph T. Barr was born in East Ringgold on March 29, 1923. He was the 13th of 16 children and the 8th son of John and Carrie Blanche Barr. As a child, he worked in his father's grocery store and on the family farm. He attended Walnut School, Ashville, Ohio. He was called into service during World War II and joined the United States Army. He was stationed in Warrington, England as a Staff Supply Sergeant. After the war, he returned to Pickaway County to marry Roxie E. Frasure on June 8, 1946. She was the daughter of Clarence and Georgia (Shaeffer) Frasure of Oakland, Ohio. Roxie was born and raised on the Frasure family farm near Oakland, Ohio. She attended Oakland and later Stoutsville High School.

Ralph and Roxie have resided at their present farm for more than 57 years. They have raised a variety of animals including polled Hereford cattle, Percheron draft horses, Shetland ponies, chickens and hogs. They are members of Hedges Chapel United Methodist Church, Ashville. They reared three children: Dean, James, and Joyce Ann, who all reside in the county. Their children all chose professions in the teaching field and are currently teaching today.

Ralph was employed at Eshelman's Feed Company in Circleville before becoming a regional salesman for the Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia areas. He later joined International Milling Company. Finally, he took over as Manager of Ashville Grain Company before retiring in 1985. Roxie worked as an Accredited Medical Records Technician for over 20 years at Grant Hospital, Columbus, Ohio before retiring in 1986.

Dean married Patricia (Barr) Neff and they have two daughters, Angie (Stephen) Gussler and Laurie, and two granddaughters, Yanni and Michayla Gussler. James married Karin Kruger and they have five children: Erin (Kyle) Clark, Corey, Timothy, Stephen, and Jenny. Joyce married John Butts and they have two sons, Jason and Jared.

-Submitted by Erin Clark

BARTHELMAS

George Barthelmas, a native of Wertenberg, Germany, was born 1834 and emigrated to America in 1851. He worked as a stable boy for a family in New York City, New York where he met Barbara Bach. She was born 1832 and came to America in 1857 from Moosdorf-Wertenberg, Germany. She was working as a house maid for the same family. They were married in 1861.

In 1868 they purchased the farm of two hundred thirty-five acres near the Scioto River. He died 1879, aged forty-four, leaving Barbara and six children.

The Barthelmas house was built by Smith Horsey in 1825 and acquired by the Barthelmas family in 1868. At one time it served as a stage coach stop and inn.

The grounds include a never-failing spring which was used to cool milk and food. The old springhouse is gone now but the springs have kept a large pond on the grounds over-flowing.

The large barn across the road was built in 1810, once served as a horse-changing station for the Ohio and Erie Canal. It is a double crib log barn.

Marguerite Barthelmas

William Barthelmas, Sr.

The farm was part of the original Virginia Military Warrant for service in the Revolutionary War.

March 15, 1800 (Deed record 108 – page 451) a Patent was made by the President of the United States to Nathaniel Massie. These lands were known as Congress Lands and were laid out in sections.

In 1808 this land was owned by Jacob Stipp who sold 183 acres to Stephen Horsey. Before his death in 1837 Stephen Horsey added to his land leaving a total of 320 acres and several lots.

Smith B. Horsey then owned the home place, including the large house built in 1825 by Stephen and his sons. On October 14, 1865 he sold 325 acres, including the house to Robert Campbell and wife Rebecca for $16,047 and followed Stephen Horsey to Illinois. Robert Campbell and wife later sold 235 acres, September 1868, to George Barthelmas for $13,000. After his death in 1879, Barbara lived there until her death in 1912 with four of her unmarried children. William farmed the farm until 1920 when nephew Asa took over. In 1938 his son William started farming. He farmed until his death in 1977. His son, Steven, now owns and operates the farm.

The house has 15 rooms with another small room in the back with only an outside door. The room has harbored many a weary transient over night with food in the evening and an ample breakfast before he started off the next day.

The entrance hall, with No. 1 and No. 2 parlors leading from it, has a curved stairway to the second floor. People used to recall the dances held in the ballroom upstairs on Saturday night with two fiddlers providing the music. In the summer there was a floor put in the front yard where the dances were held.

The house didn't have electricity or running water until 1946. A basement was added in 1951.

The brick smokehouse was used to cure meat. After smoking, the hams, shoulders and sides were hung from the overhead beams.

Under the smokehouse is a fruit cellar. Canned food, potatoes and apples were stored here, enough to last the winter.

It stands for an era long gone now, when a

Barthelmas Home

young German immigrant with drive, courage and ambition could come to America and make a dream come true.

-Submitted by Marguerite Barthelmas

BARTHELMAS

George Barthelmess was born in Wertenburg, Germany in 1834. He came to America in 1851. While working in New York he met and married Barbara Bach, also a German native. In 1861 they moved to Wayne Twp. and acquired land with a house built by Smith Horsey in 1824. Prior to their purchase, the house served as an inn for travelers on the stagecoach or the canal. The house still stands along Route 104, three miles south of Route 22.

Howard Sark & William Gardner fixing a flat before inner-tubes were put in tires.

George and Barbara had seven children: William, Charles, Frank, Rosa, Sarah, Jacob, and George. After George's death in 1879 William operated the farm. Charles married Jeanetta Leist and they had four children: Lawrence, Flora, Asa and Paul.

Around the time of the first World War the spelling of the name was changed to Barthelmas to appear more American.

Asa took over operation of the farm, married Retta Wells, and they had two children: Maxine and William Jennings. Maxine married Bob Elsea.

Rosa Barthelmas

William married Marguerite Gardner in 1935 and assumed operation of the farm soon after. They had five children: William Jr. born 1936, Barbara Jayne born 1937, Marilyn Jean born 1940, Sandie Jill born 1946 and Steven James born 1951.

William Jr. was a captain in the United States Air Force and was killed in 1965 while serving his second tour of duty in the Vietnam War.

Barbara married John Moore and had two children: John and Jenny. John married Denisa Stephens and had three children: Kjirstina, Khadjah and Melena. Jenny married Paco Perez Hernandez and had two children: Javier and Enrique.

Sandie married Ted Cowen and had one child: Steva. Steva married Eric Hoops and had one child: Rain Loren.

Steve took over full operation of the farm after the death of his father in 1977. He married Laura Writsel and they had three children: Steven Jr., Holly and Scott.

Steve Sr. and Laura divorced and Steve married Denise Harrison.

-Submitted by Steve Barthelmas

BAUM FAMILY

John Christian Baum landed at Philadelpia, Pennsylvania from Germany, possibly the section called Silesia, sailing from Rotterdam Holland, in the year 1751. His son, Christian L. Baum, whose name appears on the rolls of the American Revolution as a private in Captain Michael Eges' company, York County, in March, 1776, served in the battle of Yorktown, June 14, 1776 at the age of 16. Sometime between the ages of 30-35 he was killed by a tow-wad. Six children survived.

Joseph Anthony Baum & his son Clayton B. Baum. c. 1896

A son, Christian Baum, was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1791. Christian came to Madison Township, northwest Pickaway County about 1815. Christian was described as a strong, big boned, muscular man more than six feet three inches. He returned to his native state on foot, his only baggage a gun and a few clothes. Later he came back to Ohio, bought 160 acres and built a log house about three miles east of Duvall and engaged in farming. The old log house occupied by the Baum family was later moved to the farm of his son Lewis. At a later day, Christian bought 200 acres in Ross County.

On September 3, 1818, he married Miss Sarah Shook. To this union were born five sons and two daughters. These children did not adhere to the Lutheran faith and the Civil War brought changes in their politics resulting in Joseph, George, John, and Mary settling in the Paint Creek Valley, near Bourneville in Ross County. Jacob, Elizabeth, and Lewis remained in Madison Township. Christian died at the age of 72 on May 2, 1862 in Pickaway County.

Grandpa Joseph Baum, approx. 1931 at his farm home on Duvall Road, Madison Township.

Christian's son Lewis was born December 10, 1822 and died on December 7, 1911 and is buried in Forest Cemetery in Circleville. Lewis lived all his life a few roads from where he was born. October 29, 1850, he married Miss Elizabeth Roof, daughter of Lutheran pastor Reverend Joseph A. Roof. Lewis and Elizabeth had seven children, five of who remained in the Ashville and Duvall area. Those remaining were Sarah (John Noecker), Franklin (Hannah Miller), Joseph (Sarah Snyder), Edwin (Clara Slone and Dora Glick), Mary (family unknown). William (Hannah Hoover) resided in Circleville, while Reverend Martin Luther Baum (Nannie Shook) served one congregation in Dayton, Ohio for over 40 years.

Lewis Baum's son Joseph was the only descendent to stay on the family farm. He and Sarah had three daughters: Lena, Crissie, and Clara and one son, Clayton. Like his father, Clayton remained on the farm after marrying Helen Peters in 1920. In 1932 they moved to Ashville with their daughter, Mary Virginia. She married Leonard Romaine "Red" Wilson in 1950 and moved to Circleville. Mary still resides in Circleville near her daughters Julie (Craig Wills) and Sally (Randy Arledge). She has four granddaughters, Kimberly, Kristen, Megan, and McKenna.

-Submitted by Mary Virginia Wilson

THE BAUM FAMILY

Peter, Sr. and Barbara Susannah Hahn Baum were married in the Lutheran Church in Silver Run, Maryland on November 23, 1783.

After moving to Pickaway County, Ohio, the following children were born: Jacob (1783), Barbara (1786), Peter, Jr. (1788) who married Mary

Mary Baum wife of Peter Baum, Jr. b. 4 Oct. 1790, d. 23 May 1875.

Left: Children of Peter & Mary Baum. Back row: Michael, Lewis & Martin Baum. Front Row: Peter Baum and Lucas Baum.

Teegardin Grain Co. Duvall, Ohio. January 1959

Frank S. Baum Hardware in Duvall, 1901.

Peter Baum married Mary Baum, February 23, 1815

Above: Back row: Cyrene and George Baum with parents in front: Mary and Peter Baum.

Lena, Lewis and Jacob Baum.

Baum, a cousin on 23 February 1815 in Pickaway County, Elizabeth (1790), Catherine (1792), Susannah Barbara (1795), Christian (1800), and Michael who married Rheahannah Baum, a cousin, on 18 January 1820 in Pickaway County. The family moved to Crawford County, Ohio, where Peter, Sr. and his wife, Barbara Susannah, are buried in the old Sycamore Cemetery. Jacob and his wife in Old Mexico.

Peter, Jr. and Mary had the following children: Lucas (1815), Harry Irvin (1817), Michael (1818), Maria (1819), Peter (1821), Martin (1822), George (1823), Lewis (1824), Anna (1826), Jacob (1828), Daniel (1832), and Cyrena (1836).

Peter, Jr. died in Shelbyville, Missouri while visiting his daughter.

-Submitted by Helen Baum Bridgeman

Lewis Baum decendants, 1919. Sarah Baum Noecker, William Baum, Joseph Baum, Franklin Baum, Rev. Luther Baum, Edward Baum

First Christian Baum Reunion 1919, 139 attended.

CHRISTIAN BAUM III

Christian Baum III settled in Pickaway County, Madison Township, Ohio in 1818. He was the grandson of John Christian Baum.

John Christian Baum arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1751 coming from Germany. There was a record of 13 different Baum families coming from Germany to Philadelphia between the years of 1730 and 1776. These all settled in the Southeastern Counties of Pennsylvania establishing homes there.

Christian Baum III was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania on February 20, 1791 and died in Pickaway County in 1862. He was a very large man who loved to wrestle, smoke a pipe and go barefooted. He made two trips to Ohio. The first trip was to Madison Township, Pickaway County working at Grist Mill on Walnut Creek.

He returned to Westmoreland County coming back to Madison Township in Ohio. He built a log cabin about three miles east of Duvall. He married Sarah Shook on September 3, 1818. They had seven children, of these two stayed in Pickaway County, five went to Ross County, Ohio. Two sons, Lewis Baum born December 10, 1822 and Jacob Baum born September 30, 1832, each established their homes and families in Pickaway County.

Lewis Baum purchased land and built a home in Madison Township. He married Elizabeth Roof October 29,1850. Elizabeth was the daughter of Rev. Joseph A. Roof, minister at the Lutheran Church in Circleville, Ohio. In 1834 Rev. Roof established a Lutheran church in rural Madison Township, this was St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ashville.

Lewis and Elizabeth had seven children. Sarah Baum married John P. Noecker, October 16, 1873; William Christian Baum married Hannah Hoover, December 17, 1874 and married Clara Weaver ,October 9, 1912; Joseph Baum married Sarah Snyder, January 19, 1877; Franklin S. Baum married Hannah R. Millar, November 18, 1880; Martin Luther Baum married Nannie Shook, April 12, 1887; Rev. M.L. Baum moved to Dayton, Ohio establishing the grace Lutheran Church and served this church for 40 years until his retirement; Mary Baum; Edwin Baum married Clara Stone in 1888 and married Dora A. Glick in 1903.

In 1886 Franklin S. Baum purchased the farmland at Duvall from his father and uncle Jacob Baum. He also purchased a lot adjoining the Norfolk & Western railroad in 1895. He built a hardware-implement building at this location. That business continued until 1929.

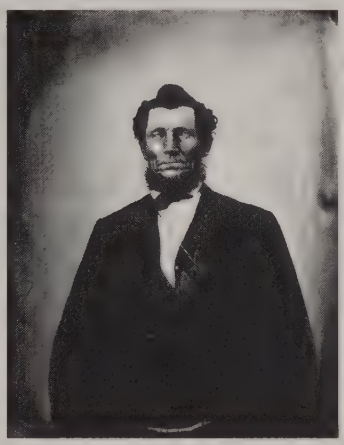
Franklin and Hannah Baum had a family of seven children. Josie F. Baum married Lewis Barch, March 24, 1919; Jesse L. Baum married Essie Somers, October 29, 1912; Harry C. Baum married Myrtle Bulen, January 3, 1912; Ethel Baum; Christian Baum; Clarence E. Baum married Hattie G. Valentine, January 19, 1920 and married Mary Valentine in 1962; Millar E. Baum.

Jesse Baum and Essie, built a home on this farm in 1912. There were six children in the family: Frank S. Baum, Betty N. Baum, Kathryn I. Baum, Rebecca B. Baum, Jessie M. Baum, and Robert L. Baum. Jesse and Essie purchased the farm land and family ownership continued until 1981.

-Submitted by Robert Baum

DANIEL BAUM, SR. FAMILY

Daniel Baum, Sr., his wife Ascenith and three children left Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania on October 8, 1805, and came to what was Ross County at the time. He purchased property in Section 3, Township 9, and in Section 34, Township 10. The Section 34 property fell into Pickaway County when it was formed in 1810. All of these properties were just to the east of the village of Kingston and straddled the current county line. Daniel was a farmer and proceeded to grow a larger family along with his crops. His family grew to a total of twelve children.



Daniel Baum, Sr. ca. 1855.

His eldest daughter, Mary, and Ira Bacon obtained their marriage license in Circleville and married on October 1, 1819. It is thought that the Bacon family lived at the present day intersection of Boggs Road and Highway 159, just to the north of Kingston. Their farm house probably stood between Boggs Road and Congo Creek. Mary and Ira soon left for Illinois, where they lived for about 6 years. They also lived for a time in Indiana and then moved to Iowa in the 1840's.

The other Baum children were George Imtorf and David, both born in Pennsylvania, and Henry, Susannah, Elizabeth, Jonas, Daniel Jr., Margaret, Jessie, Simon Peter and Anna, all born in Ohio.

None of the remaining children married in Pickaway County and on March 7, 1825, the family left Pickaway County for Indiana. They probably took the Scioto River south to the Ohio River and then we know from Daniel's writings that they purchased a flat-bottomed boat and headed west. The families of Robert Mitchell Sr., Robert Mitchell, Jr., John Kestler and Jacob Baum accompanied them on this journey.

Near the juncture with the Wabash River, they sold their flat-bottomed boat and bought a keel boat. They then cordelled (poled) their way up the Wabash to Deer Creek where they tied the boat up. They arrived on April 30, 1825, near to what would become the town of Delphi, Carroll County, Indiana. They arrived just three months after the first white settlers in the area.

-Submitted by Thomas Smith

JOHN WESLEY BAYES FAMILY

John Wesley Bayes, along with his wife and children, came to Pickaway County in August 1945 from Riceville, Johnson County, Kentucky where he was an oil well driller for Ashland Oil Company. He purchased and farmed land owned by the Musselman family on U.S. Highway 62 in Darby Township, Orient.

John Bayes was born October 26, 1892 and wife Eva LeMaster was born January 15, 1895 in Oil Springs, Kentucky. They were married December 14, 1913, in Magoffin County, Kentucky and had seven children born in Riceville, Kentucky. John retired from the Belt Corporation. John died December 1, 1970, and Eva died November 11, 1975. They are buried in Concord Cemetery, Grove City, Ohio.

Eugene Bayes was born October 6, 1914 and married Rose Ann Pochop June 21, 1954. Rose Ann Pochop was born September 3, 1930. They are the parents of Debbie, Evelyn and Robert. They moved to Paramont, California in 1955. They owned the Gay 90's restaurant in El Segundo, California where they live.

Morris Luther Bayes was born July 15, 1916 and married Litha Thompson June 19, 1945. Litha Thompson was born November 23, 1919. Morris was a Sargent in the U.S. Army during World War II and stationed in Puerto Rico. They are members of the Darbyville Nazarene Church. Morris farmed and retired from Columbus Bolt & Forging. They are the parents of Sandra Kay, Morris Jr. and Betsy. They live in Muhlenberg Township, Orient.

Venus Bayes was born March 16, 1918 and married Lawrence Conley January 12, 1938. Lawrence Conley was born January 17, 1917. They moved to Paramont, California in 1951. Lawrence retired from Arcturus. They were the parents of James and Mary. Lawrence died April 22, 1984 and Venus died March 22, 1985. They lived in Oxnard, California. They are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Whittier, California.

John Wesley Bayes Family, 1936. L-R, Back: J.W. and Eva LeMaster Bayes. Middle: Eugene, Venus, and Morris Luther Bayes. Front: Charles Walter, James Craten, Billie Mae, and John Wesley Bayes, Jr.

John Wesley Bayes, Jr. was born June 14, 1921. John was a Technician Fifth Class in the U.S. Army 337th Engineer General Service Regiment during WWII. John died October 19, 1943, at a North African base from a heart aliment. He is buried in Sicily-Romy American Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy.

Billie Mae Bayes was born March 19, 1923. Billie was a seamstress, worked at Carter's Restaurant in Harrisburg, took care of her parents until their passing, an aid at Orient State Hospital and took care of ailing people in their homes. Billie died November 19, 2000. She lived in Darby Township, Orient. She is buried in Concord Cemetery, Grove City, Ohio.

James Craten Bayes was born February 26, 1926 and married Hilda Jane Creamer on September 17, 1949. Hilda Jane Creamer was born May 30, 1929. They are the parents of Michael. James became a prominent hog farmer. They live in Darby Township, Orient.

Charles Walter Bayes was born January 17, 1933 and married Rosalie Egnor on June 7, 1958. Rosalie Egnor was born February 10, 1938. Charles graduated in 1951 and Rosalie in 1956 from Darby Township High School. They are/were the parents of Julie and Jane. Charles was a PFC in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and stationed in Germany. Charles retired from Igel Construction Company. Rosalie worked for Ohio Bell/AT&T. Charles lives in Darby Township, Orient. Rosalie lived in Apache Junction, Arizona. Rosalie (Bayes) Justice died August 2, 1987. She is buried in New Holland Cemetery, New Holland, Ohio.

-Submitted by Julie (Bayes) Howard

BAYLOUS FAMILY

Gerald (Frank) and Ruby Baylous were married at Enterprise, Ohio October 27, 1950. They had been married for one month when the blizzard of 1950 paralyzed much of the county. Drifts were several feet high and traffic was at a standstill.

The couple had three children, Gerald Jr. (Jerry), Barbara and Roger. For a time, Jerry and his wife lived in the farm tenant house. After a long brave battle with cancer, Jerry passed away May 21, 1986. Ruby and Gerald have two grandchildren, Leighann (Hart) Cook and Marcus McKean.

The nine room brick farm house located on Hayesville Road, Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, was built in 1876. It took 35 men 60 days to complete the work. The walnut lumber was obtained from the farm and the clay bricks were made from the farm pond. An attached outside room holds a large oven that was used for baking bread. Only minor changes have been made to the original structure. The walnut woodwork, cupboards, milk house room and other unique aspects remain as they were in 1876.

Robert W. and Dorothy R. Jones bought the 107 acre farm, October 26, 1956 from Daisy Armstrong. Shortly after the farm was purchased, Gerald and Ruby moved to the farm home. On August 7, 1979 they purchased the farm.

Robert and Dorothy grew up in and around Hallsville, Ohio. Dorothy was born to T.H and Alice (Cramblit) True. She had two siblings, Blanche and Gail True. Robert was born to William and Mazie (Hinton) Jones. He had seven siblings: Drexel, Dwight, Kenneth, Curtis, Beatrice, Bessie, and Virgil.

Gerald was born in Ross County, Denver, Ohio to Sylvanice and Bessie (Schlemmer) Baylous. He had six siblings: Flossie, Janice, Elva, Elsie, Earl and Cletus. Ruby was born in Columbus, Ohio to Robert and Dorothy (True) Jones. She had one brother, Wayne, who died in 1987. He was married to Nancy Myers.

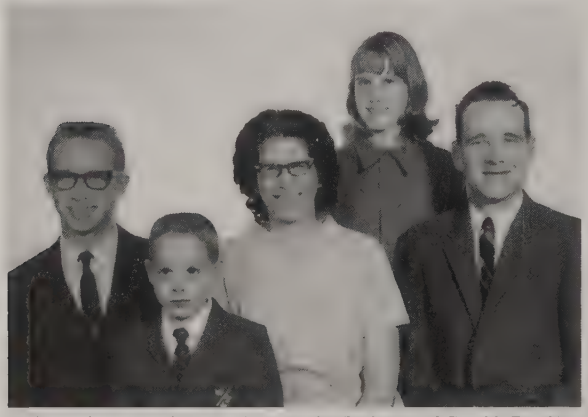
Ruby graduated from Walnut Twp. High School, Pickaway County, in 1947. She worked at General Electric, Circleville for three years, then became a homemaker and helped on the family farm. Her hobby is collecting clocks; she has a collection of over 200.

Gerald was an LPN at the Veterans Hospital, Chillicothe, Ohio. He also farmed the family farm. Even after the farm was rented, a few years prior to his death, he was still active in farming activities. He retired from the Veterans Hospital, May, 1981. He then worked for several years at Gospel Light Nursing Home, Kingston, Ohio. He was a World War II Marine, and member of the American Legion. He restored and loved showing antique tractors. He was an agriculture seed salesman and had enjoyed belonging to the Pickaway County Sportsman Club.

The Baylous family raised registered Black Angus cattle for a number of years. Gerald was a 4-H advisor for 25 years. As soon as they were old enough all of the children took cattle for 4-H projects.

Gerald died April 15, 2004. Ruby and Roger continue to reside on the family farm. This truly is a family farm, as Barbara, Roger, and Barbara's family continue to lend a hand with farm activities.

-Submitted by Ruby Baylous



The Baylous: Family, Jerry, Roger, Ruby, Barbara and Gerald (Frank) 1968

THE BEAVERS FAMILY

The Beavers family arrived in Pickaway County in 1796 from Page County, Virginia when Conrad and Mary Beavers settled in Saltcreek Township. Conrad was born in 1764 in Pennsylvania, the son of Conrad and Mary Kneisley Beavers. Conrad married Mary Seseney on February 1, 1786 in Woodstock, Virginia and died in 1849 in Pickaway County. Mary died on February 28, 1854 in Hebron, Ohio.

Clockwise from top: David, Judith, Brian, Beth Beavers.

Their son, Isaac, married Sarah (Sally) Cox, the daughter of Philip and Martha McKean Cox, on November 17, 1808 in Ross County, Ohio. He died around 1819 leaving five small children: William, Jonathan, Conrad, Susannah and another daughter. William was born on September 6, 1809 in South Perry, Ohio and married Anna Wheeler, daughter of Charles Wheeler, on January 22, 1837 in Lancaster. They were the parents of Abraham, Stephen, Martha, Sarah Jane, Susannah and three other children. William died during the Civil War on September 16, 1862 due to exposure. His son, Abraham, born on September 17, 1837, was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh but survived the war. He married Sarah Elizabeth Sims, the daughter of Lewis and Lydia McAfee Sims, on November 14, 1865 in Chillicothe. Abraham died on April 24, 1920 and Sarah on March 25, 1928, both in Kingston, Ohio.

Abraham and Sarah had the following children: Clark (1867), Lydia (1870), Lucy (1872), Lewis Harman (1874), William Clinton (1876), Frederick (1879), Howard (1881), Dora (1883), and Raymond (1886). William Clinton Beavers was born on September 3, 1876 in Kingston and married Minnie Alice Recob, the daughter of Thomas J. and Anna Elizabeth Grim Recob, on June 30, 1898. They were the parents of Marie, Mabel, Daisy, Florence, Lewis, Earl and Thomas Beavers. The Grim and Recob families were among the first settlers in Ross County, Ohio.

Thomas Beavers was born in Williamsport on March 17, 1914 and married Thelma Davis

(born June 8, 1915 in New Holland), the daughter of Pearl and Mabel Knapp Davis, on January 18, 1934 in Circleville. Thomas and Thelma had seven children: Helen (Wilbur Seymour), Shelby (James Campau), David (Judith Short), Lois (Vernon Shobe), Ronnie and Donnie (born and died on December 25, 1949), and Thomas (Vicki Ayers). Thomas was a farmer and served 28 years as Washington Twp. Clerk and trustee and was very active in the Wesleyan and Church of Christ in Christian Union churches where he served as treasurer for several years.

David L. Beavers was born on July 28, 1944 in Circleville and married Judith E. Short, daughter of James and Jessie Cutlip Short, on October 4, 1968 in Circleville. They have two children: Brian (Traci Searls) and Bethany (Nicky Strock). David was a high school mathematics teacher at Circleville H.S. and Logan Elm H.S. for nineteen years and has been a school administrator for the past twenty years. He has served as the superintendent of the Pickaway County Schools for the past seven years. David also has served as the Washington Township Zoning Appeals Chairman for nearly 20 years. He is very active in community organizations and served as president of the Pickaway County Historical Society. A member of the Nazarene Church, he has taught Sunday School for over 40 years. Judy has been an English teacher and high school librarian/media specialist at Logan Elm High School for thirty years.

-Submitted by David Beavers

BECKETT FAMILY

Alexander F. Beckett died in Scioto Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, on May 19, 1897 at his home. Alexander was the second son of Wiley H. and Magdalene Beckett, and was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, March 7, 1824. In the fall of 1829 his parents with their family of seven children emigrated to Ohio from Eastern Virginia and located in Scioto Township on a piece of land owned and occupied by Jacob Combs. In 1830 his father purchased the land and moved his family into the log cabin vacated by the Combs, which was 18 by 20 feet square, one story high, covered with clapboards and a puncheon floor.

Stanley & Elsie Beckett

Margaret Jane Hoffmann m. James Edward Beckett

James Edward Beckett Age 39

Alexander married Isabel E. McCord, September 21, 1848 in Darbyville, Ohio. To this union were born five children: 1. Son dying in infancy, 2. James E., 3. Mary E., 4. George T. and 5. Sidna J. Alexander joined the M.E. Church in Commercial Point, Ohio during a revival. He was familiarly called Uncle Alex by many. He is buried in the Beckett Cemetery north of Commercial Point, Ohio.

Alexander's son James E. Beckett was born June 29, 1857 and married Margaret Jane Huffman on December 15, 1881. Margaret was born August 15, 1869. James died August 20, 1896 and Margaret died November 11, 1941. James and Margaret had four children: 1. Bertha, 2. Ralph, 3. Lewis Stanley, and 4. Ruth. James and Margaret are buried in the Beckett Cemetery in Scioto Township, Commercial Point.

Lewis Stanley Beckett, grandson of Alexander, was born December 19, 1887 in Scioto Township, the son of James Edward Beckett. Lewis was known as Stanley. He married Wilhelmina Prushing April 28, 1909. They had one daughter, Marjorie, born January 20, 1912. Wilhelmina passed away September 15, 1916.

Stanley married his second wife Nina Overhostler in November, 1917. She passed away during the flu epidemic. Stanley's third wife, Elsie Claire Dountz Gulick, lost her husband also during the flu epidemic and left her with two sons: Nolo Wade, 2 years old and Bryon Dountz, 6 weeks old. Stanley married Elsie January 12, 1921. Elsie was born July 6, 1895, the daughter of Willis Dountz and Ada Redman Dountz. To the union of Stanley and Elsie was born a daughter, Ada Lou, November 12, 1927. Elsie was a homemaker raising the four children. They were active members of the Ashville Methodist Church, Ashville, Ohio and members of the Pythian Lodges. Stanley served on the Ashville school board and was a member of the Elks Lodge. He was an auto and implement dealer in Ashville, Ohio beginning about 1927. His business remained in Ashville until the late 1930's when he moved it to Circleville, Ohio. It was an Oliver and Ford Implement company and was known as Beckett Implement Company.

Daughter Marjorie married Rancy Petty on January 12, 1934 and passed away on July 10, 1935.

Ada Lou married Arthur Deal, Jr. on June 28, 1946. To this union were born three children: James, born January 24, 1950; Jody, born January 16, 1952; and Jan, born August 15, 1960. Ada Lou and Art have lived most of their lives in Ashville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Ada Lou Deal

BELL FAMILY

The Bells settled in the Circleville, Ohio area in the 1817-18 time frame. James Bell and his family migrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania around 1807. Prior to locating in Pickaway County, Ohio they lived in Pennsylvania for a number of years.

James Bell had several children with him when they came to America. They were: William, Nancy, Jane, Margaret, Thomas, Mary Ann, James and Elizabeth. William T. Bell was born August 13, 1802. He was with the family when they located in Ohio. Early Pickaway County records indicate the descendants of James Bell prospered and held land holdings in Circleville and Walnut Townships. William T. married Catherine Caldwell and they had a son, William T. Bell, Jr., who was born on October 19, 1835. William T. Jr., married Mary Morris and they were the parents of Samuel W. Bell.

Samuel W. Bell was born March 1, 1864 and in 1866 his father died. Samuel was raised by relatives. Samuel inherited acreage that is located in the Southern portion of Walnut Township and borders Circleville Township which is divided by Bell Station Road. The Eastern border of the farm is Walnut Creek Pike. Samuel married Jane Dresbach, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Ranck Dresbach. They had three children: Florella Bell Hook, Charlotte Jane Bell and Nelson Dresbach Bell. Nelson Bell was born Februrary 5, 1896 and farmed all his life on the home farm. He married Iva Rebecca Lanman, daughter of John and Cora Lanman. They had three children: Nelson Dresbach Bell, Jr., John F. Bell and Jane Bell Schwendeman.

John F. Bell was born September 29, 1928.

Bell Homestead

He married Doris Marie Kinney, daughter of William and Goldie May Kinney. They had five sons: John Michael, born July 8, 1949; Ronald and Donald, born May 7, 1951; Robert E., born May 29, 1953; and Roger L., born June 13, 1954. John has farmed the home farm his whole life just as the early pioneers.

John Michael Bell, the present owner and caretaker of the family farm, married Shirley Mae Brown, daughter of Neal and Martha Jean Brown, on May 10, 1975. They are the parents of Kate Kristine Bell, born September 16, 1977 and Amanda Jo Bell, born May 23, 1981.

-Submitted by Michael Bell

BENNINGTON

Ralph Bennington was born in 1914 on a farm in Highland County, Ohio. Delorice Dudley was born in 1913 in Knoxville, Tennessee. She and her parents moved to Cincinnati, Ohio and in 1925 moved again to Lynchburg, Ohio. Ralph and Delorice met at Lynchburg High School and were married in 1932. They settled on a farm in Highland County, where Ralph operated the farm. They had two sons. Roger was born in 1934 and Ronald was born in 1936.

Ralph and Delorice sold the farm in 1945 and moved to Circleville, Ohio. Ralph sold life insurance for 6 years, before he and Delorice entered into the restaurant business. At one point, Ralph and Delorice operated the restaurant at the corner of Court and Main Streets in Circleville, and called it "Benny's". Later, Ralph managed Elsea's Outdoor Center on North Court Street, Circleville. Ralph died in 1988 and Delorice passed away in 1997.

Both Roger and Ron graduated from Circleville High School, Circleville. Roger started college but was drafted into the army and served sixteen months in Korea. Following his military service, he returned to Ohio State University, Columbus where he completed his degree in education. Roger taught and coached for two years in the Columbus School System, before entering law school at Ohio State.

In 1963, Roger married Judy Hosler, daughter of Howard and Jean Hosler of Ashville, Ohio. Judy graduated from Ohio State and taught school at Jackson Elementary School, Pickaway County and Nicholas Drive Elementary, Circleville. Roger graduated from Law School in 1964 and returned to Circleville to practice law with J.W. Adkins, Jr. Mr. Adkins passed away in 1977.

Ron graduated from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio in 1958. He then went to the Ohio State College of Law where he graduated in 1961. He joined a law firm in Canton, Ohio where he still practices today. Ron served as a Big Ten football official for many years, and officiated many Ohio State football games.

Ron married Barbara Schumm of Circleville. Barbara graduated from Ohio State and retired as a teacher from the Canton Public School District.

Ron and Barbara have two children, Scott and Amy. Both graduated from Glen Oak High School in Canton. Scott then graduated from Kenyon College and the Ohio State Veterinary School. He married a veterinarian and they operate an animal clinic in Maine. Amy graduated from the University of Colorado, and recently moved back to Canton.

Ella Nicole Bennington

Roger and Judy have two sons, Jeffrey and Kevin. Both Jeff and Kevin graduated from Circleville High School and Miami University, Oxford. Jeff taught school for several years before returning to the Capital University Law School, Columbus, where he graduated in 2000. He is now an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Columbus, and lives in Circleville.

Kevin graduated from the Ohio State College of Law in 1999. He joined his father in the practice of law and their firm of Bennington & Bennington is located on West Franklin Street.

In 1999, Kevin married Nicole Surgenor, daughter of Dave and Connie Dean of Circleville. Nicole graduated from Ohio University, Athens in 1996 and teaches first grade at Saltcreek Elementary School, Pickaway County. Kevin and Nicole recently became the parents of the newest member of the family, Ella Nicole Bennington, born on May 12, 2004.

-Submitted by Roger Bennington

ALLAN & DIANE BERGER FAMILY

Allan (NMI) Berger was born March 13, 1932, in Essex County, New Jersey. He grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey, came to Ohio to attend Ohio University in Athens where, following a stint in the U.S. Army, he received a B.A. in Political Science in 1955, and an M.A. in Political Science in 1956. Al received his L.L. B. and J.D. from the Law School at the Ohio State University in 1959, and he married Diane Louise Holliger of Avon Lake, Ohio August 29, 1959. They moved to Circleville, Ohio, in September 1959, and have maintained a local residence until the present. She graduated in 1960 from the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, College of Arts and Sciences with a B.S. in Physical Therapy.

Al & Diane Berger

Allan entered into law practice with Tom A. Renick in September 1959. Their offices were in the Old Pythian Castle on North Court Street. Al was well-known as a high school and college football and basketball official in Ohio, and officiated thirteen state finals in both sports.

They joined the Circleville Presbyterian Church where Diane served on many committees and commissions, was a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and an ordained elder.

Diane entered into a contractual agreement with Berger Hospital as its first licensed physical therapist in 1960. She was very active with Roundtown Players as an officer, actress and director. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from the Methodist School in Ohio in 1999 and was ordained in The United Church of Christ in 2000. She has served churches in three central Ohio towns: Baltimore, Portsmouth, and Glenford. She was the chaplain for Hospice of Pickaway County from 1993 to 2004.

Their son, Eric Matthew Berger, born July 11, 1960, was one of four valedictorians in the Circleville High School Class of 1978, and he graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Ohio University, Athens, in 1982. He married Lori Ann Schaad, from Columbus, Ohio, March 30, 2002, and they have one child, Ian Samuel Berger, born July 17, 2003 in Berger Hospital, Circleville. Eric is a self-employed corporate pilot and Lori is a licensed massage therapist. They currently reside in Knollwood Village.

Their daughter, Jennifer Lyn Berger, was born in Circleville August 18, 1963 and graduated from Circleville High School in 1981. She attended Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, where she earned a degree in Communication Arts/English in 1985, and a J.D. from the College of Law in 1988. At that time she entered into partnership with her father in Berger Law Offices. She married Shaun Patrick Brown from Utica, Ohio, December 21, 1991, and their son, William Allan Brown, was born in Columbus January 12, 1995. Jennifer also studied at the Central Ohio School of Massage Therapy, from which she graduated in 1994, became the first licensed massage therapist for Berger Health System's Women's Health Center, and she continues to practice there.

-Submitted by Diane H. Berger

BERTSCH/BARTSCH/BARCH FAMILY

In 1832, Jacob and Christina Bertsch along with their grown family of three sons and three daughters left Leicknita, Baden, Germany to

Family Farm, 10836 Bulen Pierce Road. Harrison Twp. Standing, L to R: Barbara Kuhlwein Barch and Mary Daisy Barch. Seated L to R: George "Will" William Barch, James Barch.

begin new lives in America. The family had sold most of their possessions, keeping only the most prized and necessary items for their voyage. They were anticipating the wonderful land of America where industrious people could own more land in a few years than they could hope to own in a lifetime in German. The long ocean voyage took seventy days. When they reached America, they crossed the Cumberland Mountains with horses and wagons on their way to Ohio. Down through the years, some of the family began to use Bartsch and then Barch as the spelling of their last name.

Their one son, Jacob Bertsch, a farmer, married Sophia (Kientz) Bertsch. They lived on a farm in Pickaway County just south of the Franklin County line near Lockbourne, Ohio. The following seven children were born to this union: Jacob, Fredrick, Andrew, Christian, John, Christina, and Caroline.

Their son, Andrew Barch, a farmer, married Barbara (Kuhlwein) Barch and from this marriage the following seven children were born: John, George William, Jesse, Lewis, Mary Daisy, Charles, and James. Andrew Barch purchased a Smith and Wesson gun to protect his family from Morgan's Raiders who were thought to be advancing toward Pickaway County during the Civil War.

One of their sons, John Barch, a farmer and broom maker, married Anna (Koehler) Barch and to that union Ralph Martin Barch, Grace Emma (Barch) Stout, and Paul Luther Barch were born. John and Anna Barch had only one grandchild, Barbara Daisy Barch, who was the daughter of Paul, a farmer, and Catherine (Stout) Barch.

Barbara Daisy Barch married Ronald Melvyn Younkin, a barber and accountant, and they were the parents of three children: Tamara (Younkin) Chafin, Todd Andrew Younkin, and Trevor Bartsch Younkin, who are residents of Pickaway County. Barbara Daisy Barch Younkin's grandchildren located in Pickaway County in 2004 are Jesse Paul Younkin, Jared Ward Younkin, Nicholas Ronald Henry Chafin, and Caroline Grace Chafin. They are the great, great, great, great, great grandchildren of Jacob and Christina Bertsch who came to Pickaway County from Germany.

Barbara Daisy (Barch) Younkin, a state employment service coordinator, owns two of the Barch Family farms in northern Pickaway County. In 2004, great, great, great granddaughter, Barbara Daisy (Barch) Younkin, of Jacob and Christina Bertsch resides on the Barch farm that was purchased in 1886. The other farm is the original farm that Jacob Bertsch purchased which was mentioned earlier. The dining room in the house of that parcel of property is an original log cabin. Her youngest son, Trevor Bartsch Younkin, a teacher and a farmer, maintains the farming for these two tracts of land.

A copy of the original will of Jacob Bertsch, who came from Germany, is in the history of the Barch Family compiled by Paul Luther Barch in August of 1953.

-Submitted by Barbara Younkin

MARK E. BESS

Mark Emerson Bess, along with his wife and only son, moved to Pickaway County, Ohio in July 1998. Mark first came to Pickaway County in 1979 and completed high school at Logan Elm Local School District, Pickaway County, in 1981. After serving four years in the U.S. Army, he sought employment in Columbus, Ohio. Mark married Tonya Moran Bess in 1989 and had a son, Jarrod Emerson Bess, in 1993. Tonya is a native of Louisa, Kentucky. To be closer to Mark's place of employment with Direction Mortgage Company in Circleville, Ohio, the family moved to Amanda, Ohio in 1994 and then to Pickaway Township, Pickaway County in 1998. Mark is currently the President/Owner of Direction Mortgage and Tonya is an instructor/assessment coordinator with Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center, Ross County, Ohio. Jarrod is currently a sixth grader at Pickaway Elementary School, Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Tonya Moran Bess

Mark, Jarrod & Tonya Bess

MICHAEL BLUE II

The Blue family is a long-standing one in Pickaway County, Ohio. Michael Blue II came to Ohio from Virginia with his family on horseback when this was a new country, still in the hands of the Indians. He first took up his abode in the wilds of Fairfield County, Ohio, but subsequently came to this county.

He was born in 1783 and died in 1863 in Fayette County, Ohio. He was married to Deborah Peters, daughter of Elder Tunis and Francinah Peters, who are buried in the Old Turkey Run Baptist Cemetery in Fairfield County. Deborah was born in 1786 and died in 1868.

He was the son of Michael Blue I, who served his country in the Revolutionary War. He served as a private in Capt. Van Meter's Co., and was drafted out of the Militia into the regular Army in 1790. He died in 1821, and is buried in the Bloomingburg Cemetery in Fayette County, Ohio.

Michael Blue's son, Harvey A. Blue, purchased 160 acres in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, in sections 13 and 24, in 1866 and other land northwest of this farm. Like 'in the days of old' he cleared the land from forest trees which stood on it, and developed it into a fine farm, with a home and farm buildings. He was very fortunate in his undertakings, becoming one of the wealthy men of the community.

Mr. Blue was born in 1816 in Virginia and died in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, in 1882. He married Emily A. Bowman, who preceeded him in death. They were the parents of 12 children: Alvin; Celestia, the wife of James Plum; Herbert W.; Julian M; Harvey O.; Clara, the wife of Charles Dresbach; Orrin P.; Clayton E.; and Clinton. Samantha, Larian, and Emma died young.

He was a life-long resident of Walnut Township and belonged to the Old School Baptist Church.

His son, Herbert, married Emma A. Culp, a native of Walnut Township. She was born in 1882 and was the daughter of Lewis and Sophronia Westenhaver Culp. Her paternal great grandparents were among the first pioneers in Pickaway County, coming from Pennsylvania. They had five children: Henry; Alice, wife of George Spindler; Emma; William B.; and Charles C.

Mrs. Blue belonged to the Methodist Church. Mr. Blue was prominent in social circles. He belonged to the Odd Fellows Lodge in Ashville and passed all the chairs. He served as a school director.

Mrs. Thelma Plum Noecker is a great granddaughter of Harvey and Emily Bowman Blue. Celestia and James Plum's children were: Chloe who married Luther Trout and had Justin, Harvey and Marie; Clara who married Albert Leroy Barr and had Madge, Margaret and Bartley; and Ray who married Olive Leota Runkle in 1910. They had one daughter, Thelma Maxine, who married Chester Baldwin Noecker in 1943. He was the son of Clarence and Bertha Wright Noecker. They had 2 children.

Carol Lynette Noecker was born September 28, 1945. On August 6, 1967, she married Edward Neil Sperry, who was born May 3, 1944. Their children are Brian Edward, Todd Christopher and Erin Lynn. Brian Edward was born

January 25, 1971. On June 19, 2001 he married Tina Lee Helper, born April 3, 1975. They had Audrey Anne, born February 26, 2004. Todd Christopher was born August 30, 1973. Erin Lynn was born on January 24, 1979. She has 2 sons: Samuel Robert Evans, born February 10, 1998 and Alexander Edward Evans, born September 12, 2001. This family lives in Texas.

Clarence Ray Noecker, was born November 27, 1946. On July 1, 1973, he married Donna Mae Berry who was born July 31, 1950. They have 4 daughters: Kimberly Suzanne born on November 11, 1975, and married on December 8, 2001 to Michael Videovich, who was born on April 24, 1977; Cara Marie born on January 29, 1978, and married on July 6, 2002, to Douglas Layne, who was born on January 24, 1979; Kathleen Rae, born on February 10, 1982; and Amy Jo, born on July 14, 1984.

Ray and Olive Plum were active members of Hedges Chapel Methodist Church. Ray was a member of Nebraska Grange for 75 years. He was also active in the Masonic Lodge in Circleville, by moving through all the chairs.

Thelma Plum Noecker joined the St. Paul Lutheran Church, at St. Paul, Ohio, after marrying. She was active in the "Women of the Church" group. She sang in the church choir for 35 years. She was also active in Nebraska Grange and was a member for 71 years. She was active in the Eastern Star, serving as matron in 1977. She served as Regent for the Pickaway Plains Chapter NSDAR from 1980 until 1985. She taught for 25 years in the Walnut Elementary School.

-Submitted by Thelma Plum Noecker

HENRY CHARLES BODE

Henry Charles Bode (b.2-7-1861, d.1-9-1941) was a farmer and came from Grove, West Virginia in 1904 to Adelphi, Ohio with his wife Mary Winifred Reed (b.8-16-1860, d.4-21-1952). Mary was the daughter of Josiah and Mary (Nutter) Reed of Grove, West Virginia. Henry was the son of Herman (William) and Mary Margaret (Mineka) Bode, both born in Germany. Henry and Mary had four children. Ruben Everett (b.10-16-1883, d.3-15-1936) married Jennie Snyder on 12/24/1929. He had two step-sons, Charles and David Snyder. Ruben died from cancer. Harvey (b.10-13-1886, d.3-25-1959) married Edna Danner and had one daugher, Mary Lowery, and son Chester G. Cecil Berkley (C.B.) (b.8-8-1894, d.7-5-1962). Tency (Tensie) Ara (b.9-20-1898, d.5-28-1974) married Clayton (Clate) Huston (b.5-19-1892, d.1981).

Cecil Bode was a school teacher at Slate Mill, a garage operator and businessman in Adelphi, Ohio. He married Lessel Ellen Brokaw (b.1-5-1895, d.8-9-1985) on 10-31-1914. She was the daughter of Willis Austin Brokaw (b.4-28-1868, d.10-14-1943) and Margaret Ann Thompson (b.4-15-1866, d.7-26-1959). Cecil and Lessel had three children. Doyen Clestus (b.6-8-1915, d.3-8-1988), Boyd Emil (b,1-22-1919, d.8-16-1970) married Maxine Lutz and had three girls: Janet (Loren Carroll) owns a feed mill in Laurelville, Ohio; Mary Ann (Randy McNeal) of Kingston, Ohio and Marlene (Ronald VanFossen) of Adelphi.

Cecil and Lessel's daughter is Virginia Rosalee (b.3-23-1929) who was married 2-15-1950 to Emery Pritchard (b.7-3-1927, d.2-13-2003). They had two daughters: Deborah Funk (Rick Mettler) of Adelphi who has two daughters, Dejah and Jada; and Roxanne (David Uhrig) who have an adopted son Brandon and a daughter Hanna and live in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Doyen & Kathleen Bode

Doyen married Kathleen Weston (b.7-5-1910, d.2-2-1999) on 6-16-1934. She was the daughter of Harry Warner Weston (b.8-6-1878, d.5-6-1937) who was from Truxton and or Syracuse, New York and Jennie Koch (b.2-8-1883, d.4-10-1945). Harry was in the Spanish American War and met Jennie when he came home with her brother James (Jim) from the service. Kathleen had a twin sister Kathryn (b.7-5-1910, d-11-14-1996) who married Roy Schooley (b.1911, d.11-10-1979) on 8-31-1935. He was owner of the Red and White grocery store and later a banker at Adelphi Bank. They adopted Roy's brother (Leeman's) son Leonard (b.1-22-1943, d.6-20-1996). Leonard was never married and was never able to work.

Kathleen's brother Edward (b.5-2-1908, d.4-23-1995) was married to Thelma Goldrick (b.5-5-1913, d.4-16-2001) on 5-31-1932. Edward was a teacher, principal, superintendent and coach of the Adelphi-Harrison School for 25 years. Thelma taught school too and they later lived in the Greenville, Ohio area. They had three children: Carl (Kay), David (Marianne) and Susanne.

Doyen ran a hardware store in town until he sold it and retired. Kathleen worked in the Red and White grocery store. He and Kathleen had one daughter, Marabel K. Bode (b.12-4-1935), who taught school for a couple of years at Saltcreek Township and Williamsport, Ohio. She became the wife of David Carson Drummond on 6-10-1956. He was owner and manager of Scioto Oliver, Inc. in Chillicothe, Ohio for thirty years and also farmed. They make their home on State Route 138 near Clarksburg, Ohio. They have three daughters: Connie (Joe Angles), Sandra (Tom Adams) and Joy (Paul Sharrett) who all live on State Route 138 in Deercreek Township.

The Bodes, Schooleys, Westons, Kochs, Brokaws and Pritchards are buried in Green Summit Cemetery, Adelphi, Ohio.

-Submitted by Sandy Kay Drummond Adams

BOGENRIFE FAMILY

The immigrant of this family, Simon Bogenreif, came from Germany on the ship Davy in 1738. He settled with his wife Catharina Elizabeth Wittner in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Five generations later in the early 1850's his grandson Christopher and his wife Elizabeth Young brought their family to Pickaway County, Ohio. They were the parents of Marty Catherine who married James Dungan on September 26, 1854. Their children were Elizabeth, Robert, Joseph, and Susan. Mary died November 15, 1868. John H., born 1836, married Louisa Ferguson September 17, 1857. They were the parents of Zila and Thomas. John died November 25, 1912. Ann Aliza, born 1838, married Lemuel Streets on June 2, 1861. Leah Louisa, born 1840, married Peter Counts November 20, 1859. They had a daughter Birtha. Leah died in 1885. Sarah Jane, born 1842, married Snyder Hudson September 2, 1862. Their children were Janson, Virginia, Augustus, and Elizabeth. William was born March 1844. Hannah was born 1846 and married Samuel Allandice January 9, 1875. Susan, born March 30, 1847, married John Mantle July 4, 1877. Their children were Charles, Ethel, and Laura. John died August 3, 1910 and Susan died April 1, 1924. Nelson, born August 1856, married Sarah Jennie Fullen in 1880. Their children were Elizabeth, Anna Belle, Traci, May, Cecelia, Blanch and Nelson Jr. Nelson and his family moved to Tacoma, Washington in 1902. Mattie, born September 14, 1860, married George Hane February 24, 1880. Their children were Ethel and Homer.

William was mustered into the Union Army at Camp Circleville by Captain Frank Muhlenburg in 1862 and served until 1865. On returning from the war he married Sarah Foreman, daughter of Elizabeth Amanda Jones and Levi Foreman. They were married September 16, 1866 in Fayette County, Ohio. They were the parents of Nelson, Clara Belle, Lavina May, James, William, Ross, Garfield and Peter. Sarah died April 1902 and William died July 1908.

Nelson, born January 10, 1869, married Nellie Rutherford, born January 8, 1878, the daughter of Almira Wimer and Andrew Rutherford. They were married January 16, 1895. Their children were Elden, Warner, Frank, Floyd, and Ernest. Nelson died April 30, 1933 and Nellie died September 7, 1943.

Floyd married Edith Crawford, daughter of Dora May Forrest and William Crawford. They were the parents of Betty, who married James B.W. Rae Jr., and Anna Ruth, who married George Ehrhart.

-Submitted by Betty Rae

BOGGS FAMILY

1796-1861

In 1796, Captain John Boggs, a veteran of the American Revolutionary War, came with his son John to the Pickaway County area to make a selection of land for settlement of his service in the War. They had been living at Boggs Run, Ohio County, Virginia (now West Virginia) just

south of Wheeling on the Ohio River. There the family experienced many adversities including the time a son, William, was taken captive by Indians and held for about nineteen months; later another son was killed by a tomahawk during a surprise Indian attack.

Father and son traveled down the Ohio River in a keel-boat to the mouth of the Scioto River, then journeyed up that river to what was called "The Station" below Chillicothe, Ohio. Here they landed and came on foot along the river to the Scippo Creek. They then went up that stream to the Pickaway Plains where Captain Boggs selected a site consisting of six hundred and forty acres of land. The son, John, went up the Congo Creek to the place where stands the Logan Elm. After making his location and preparing a crude home, he and his father returned to Boggs Run. In 1798, Captain Boggs moved his wife, Jane Irwin, and family to their new home in Pickaway County. Two years later, son John, and his young wife, Sara McMicken, came to stay and start a family. They raised nine children.

Elmwood, residence of the late Moses Boggs.

John Boggs served in the War of 1812 and advanced to the rank of major. Before the War, in 1803, he started shipping flour to New Orleans by boat, the first to do so from the Scioto River. He made three trips and returned on foot or on horseback the whole distance from New Orleans to Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio; passing through the Indian nations and keeping a sharp look out for robbers. He was very fortunate not to have met with any mishaps or injuries. Through hard work and good management, Major Boggs became owner of about one thousand eight hundred acres of land in Pickaway Township, two thousand acres in Indiana, and a large amount of personal property, including the grain elevator at Elmwood, near Kingston, and his residence.

It is interesting to note that Captain John Boggs died on the same day of the same month as his son. Captain Boggs died February 6, 1827 and Major John Boggs died February 6, 1861. It is a curious fact that had they each lived until his next birthday, they would have been, at the dates of their death, the same age – eighty-seven years old.

Direct descendants of Major Boggs and his wife Sarah were their children: William, Jane, Lemuel, John, Nancy, Lydia, Moses, James, and Sidney. Present day descendants and Boggs land continue to be part of Pickaway Township.

-Submitted by Edward Boggs

CHARLES D. BOLDOSER

Charles D. Boldoser was born at home in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio on February 24, 1885 to Simon P. Boldoser, born May 29, 1849 in Fairfield County, Ohio and Caroline (Stumpf) Boldoser, born February 28, 1849 in Pickaway County. He was a lifelong resident and farmer of Pickaway County. As a young boy his parents moved to a farm that Simon had purchased in 1886 that was located near Mead off St. Rt. 159 and is still in the family. Charles and his younger brother, Russell, grew up there. Simon died at home on May 25, 1921 age 72. Caroline also died at home on November 7, 1945 age 96. Russell, died at age 38 on April 26, 1930 from complication of a ruptured appendix while in the White Cross Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He never married and also farmed.

Charles' grandfather, Daniel, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania on March 12, 1824 to Daniel and Catherine (Swank) Boldoser and came to Perry County, Ohio with his parents after 1830. Charles' grandfather settled in Fairfield County after losing his first wife, Elizabeth Cochran, in Illinois in 1858. He married Harriet North of Fairfield County in 1859 and was given a farm by her parents. This farm remains in the Boldoser family. Charles' father, Simon, was a leading and progressive farmer of Pickaway County in his time. His mother, Caroline Stumpf, was a descendant of Conrad Stumpf, a Pickaway County pioneer in Saltcreek Township, who came in 1801 and permanently settled in 1803. He had obtained a land grant from President James Monroe for being in the Revolutionary War. Caroline was born on this farm which remains in the family.

Charles married Marie Riggin on November 27, 1930 in Andersonville, Ross County, Ohio and lived on the Mead farm for the rest of their lives. They raised 5 children, Betty Boldoser; Joyce Hedges; Ned, married Connie Hellmann; Mary, married William Evans and Charles, married Rena Burris. All are still living in Pickaway County. Marie was born in London, Madison County, Ohio on November 27, 1898 to John W. Riggin and Mary L. Emerson. Mary was a decendant of Thomas Emerson, Revolutionary War soldier, who settled in Pickaway Township in 1807 on a farm, obtained by grant, located on Emerson Road. This historic farm is located on the Pickaway Plains on what used to be the village of the Grenadier Squaw. Thomas Emerson died May 11, 1826 at 71 and is buried in the family

Charles D. Boldoser. Traveled to many state and world fairs. It was at one of these he dressed up for this picture.

cemetery on the farm which is owned by Don and Polly Miller.

Charles loved to travel. The picture submitted is from one of his many trips in his younger days. He has twelve living grandchildren and one deceased. He died quietly at home on Mary 17, 1963 age 78. Marie died quietly at home on August 18, 1986 age 87. They are buried in the Maple Hill Cemetery, Stoutsville, Fairfield County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Christine Boldoser Lallier

BENJAMIN BOLENDER FAMILY

Benjamin Bolender (1791-1879) came to Washington Township, Pickaway County, Ohio from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania in 1813. In 1824 Benjamin married Elizabeth Leist, daughter of Andrew Leist, Jr. and Catherine Row. They spent their lives as farmers in Washington Township. Elizabeth died in 1868. Benjamin and Elizabeth are both buried in St. Paul Church Cemetery, near where they lived. They were the parents of ten children, all born in Washington Township, nine of whom are identified.

Eliza Ann (1826-1908) married David Frazier in 1844 in Pickaway County. They lived and died in Wyandot County, Ohio and had one child, Noah.

Lydia was born in 1828, died at 6 months of age, and is buried in Zion Cemetery, Washington Township.

Mahala (1829-1905), was first married to Rufus Huddle in 1847 and had no children. She was married second in 1859 to David Wise and had 4 children. They were Charles along with 2 sons and a daughter who died as infants. Mahala is buried in St. Paul Church Cemetery.

Elizabeth (1832-1908) married Adam King. They lived in Wells County, Indiana and had four children.

Catherine (1834-1897) married Isaac Roberts. They lived in Wyandot County, Ohio.

John Bolender family home on Bolender Pontious Road. c. 1900

Levi (1836-1908) married Catherine Wannamaker and is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Stoutsville, Ohio. They had seven children: Elizabeth (Hoffman), George, Benjamin, Isaac, Jacob A., William, and Cora (Conrad).

Susannah (1839-1932) married Henry Stout and is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Stoutsville. They had three children: Catherine (Kocher), Lydia (Aldenderfer), and Sarah (Courtright).

Sarah was born in 1840 and married Reubon Bond. They lived in Fulton County, Ohio and had three daughters.

John (1831-1908) was a farmer in Washington Township and built a two story brick home on Bolender Pontious in 1882 which still stands. In 1852 he married Sophia Stepelton (1836-1862) who is buried in St. Paul Church Cemetery. She was the mother of six children: (1) Isiah (1855) died at age 21 days, (2) Lewis (1853-1859), (3) Levi (1854-1860), (4) Isaac (1856-1907) who was in the grocery business in Circleville. He was married to Eliza Anne Heffner, and had 2 children, Harley and Sadie (Riegel), (5) Eliza A. (1858-1932) married S.E. Valentine and had one son who died in infancy and two daughters, Mrs. Eliza Marie (John) Speakman and Mrs. Floyd Cook, (6) Noah (1860-1924) lived on part of the home farm and was married to Lydia Ann Heffner, also of Washington Township, and had three children: Ada (1885-1894), Nellie (1887-1971) and John W. (1888-1986). John W. was a World War I veteran. Their two story frame house still stands on Old Tarlton Pike.

John was married second to Susan Leist (1842-1924), daughter of John D. and Catherine Valentine Leist. Together they had ten children: (1) Lydia (1864-1949) was married to Martin Riffle of Pickaway Township and had six children, Florence (Wharton), Arista (Mowery), Lyman R., Nellie A. (Morrison), Ruth (Barthelmas), and Bernice (Barthelmas), (2) Catherine (1865-1881), (3) Henry (1869-1949) lived in the family home, (4) Lucy (1871-1938) married William H. Stout and had one son, J. Boyd Stout, (5) Ida (1873-1937) lived at home, (6) Charles (1875-1957) was married to Emma J. Peters, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Peters of Stoutsville, (7) Lillian (1884-1911) was married to Harry B. Welch. She died at age 27 and they had one daughter, Lillian (Stevens), (8) Nelson (1877-1955) married Daisy Valentine. They had five children: Iva (Shonkweiler), Flo Ines, Mabel (Kilian), Goldie (Rinehart), and Bethel, (9) Edward (1886-1920) was not married. (10) George (1867-1940) married Ede May Glick (1837-1951) the daughter of Caleb of Washington Township and Anna Fisher of Madison Township, Pickaway County. He farmed in Wayne Township, Pickaway County, and had five children, two of whom died in infancy. (1) Byron (1896-1977) married Jessie B. Sampson (1896-1936) of Kinderhook, Ohio. They are buried in Spring Lawn Cemetery in Williamsport, Ohio. They had two children. David (born 1925) married Luella Wilson and they reside on the Caleb Glick farm in Washington Township. David is a World War II veteran. They had five children, Betty Jo Hathaway (born 1953) of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Dwight David (born 1955) who died shortly after birth, Bonnie Jan Disbrow (born 1956) who lives in Wheaton, Illinois, Barbara Jane Weber (born 1958) who lives in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania and Brenda Jean Willke (born 1959) who lives in Hilliard, Ohio. Martha (born 1927) of Fairfield County married Maynard Hulse and has four children, twins (born 1952) David of Circleville and Daniel of Pataskala, Ohio, Ellen Jordan (born 1953) of Kinderhook, and Doris Horn (born 1959) of Fairfield County, Ohio. (2) Vernon (1899-1998) first married Mabel Dunkel (1897-1946) of Circleville and then Bernice Hinton (1910-1997) also of Circleville. They farmed in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, and had two children. Vernon Jr. (born 1951) is married to Rita McGrath Daugherty of Zanesville, Ohio. They reside in Circleville. They have three children, Denise Daugherty Castle (1973), Andrew (1982), and Amy (1987). William (born 1952) has two children, Kenna (1989) and Jayme (1991). They reside near Circleville. (3) Ralph (1909-1991) was married to Goldie Rayburn and lived on the family farm in Wayne Township.

John's family is all buried in Hitler Ludwig Cemetery, Pickaway Township, except first wife Sophia and children Isiah, Lewis, Isaac, Eliza A. Valentine, and Catherine who are buried in St. Paul Church Cemetery. Vernon and Ralph are also buried in Hitler Ludwig Cemetery.

-Submitted by Vernon Bolender

BOWER FAMILY

First generation Jacob Bauer married 7/25/1695 and died before 1739. Second generation Nicolaus (Bauer) Baur was born 11/15/1714 and third generation Johann Georg (Bauer) Baur was born 3/5/1742 and died 10/12/1825.

William Kelson Bower and Ida Hazel (Fetherolf) Bower, wedding day, September 22, 1912.

Johannes Bauer/John Bower, born 1792 and died in 1840, sailed from Wuerttemberg, Germany and landed in America at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, finally settling in Ross County, Ohio. In 1819, he married Anna Margaretha/Margaret Schaad, who was born 1/13/1795 and died 3/7/1879.

Their son was John Jacob Bower, born 1/2/1824 and died 5/21/1891. He first married Harriet Ortman. His second wife was Mary Ann Arrowsmith and 11/30/1862 he married his third wife, Charity Francis, who was born 3/14/1833 and died 6/5/1912.

John Jacob Bower and Mary Ann (Arrowsmith) Bower were parents of William Lewis Bower, born 6/12/1859 and died 11/14/1894. William Lewis Bower married Laura Ellen Flaningam, born 8/6/1860 and died 11/28/1939. They lived on the Flaningam Farm at 9626 St. Rt. 180 east of Hallsville in Ross County, Ohio. They were parents to a son, William Kelson Bower, who was born 3/23/1891 and died in 1981.

Children of William Kelson and Ida Hazel Bower. L to R: Wayne, Marjorie, Mildred, Edith, Donald, Robert and Ellen.

William Kelson married Ida Hazel Fetherolf, born 11/15/1894 and died 12/16/1975. They were married 9/22/1912. They first lived on the Flaningam Farm where William Kelson was a farmer. They later moved to the location of 12167 Hayesville Road, east of Whisler, Ohio in 1935. William Kelson Bower served on the Salt Creek Township School Board, Pickaway County.

They moved in 1939 to the Jackson Family

farm located at 5852 Tarlton Road and in 1948 they moved across the road to 5817 Tarlton Road where they established the Plain View Stock Farm. William Kelson and Ida Hazel Bower were parents to seven children: Ellen, Robert, Donald, Edith, Mildred, Marjorie, and Wayne. Wayne Bower now owns the Plain View Stock Farm.

Their son, Robert E. Bower, born 12/18/1915 and died 2/8/1992, married Sarah Elizabeth Heffner, born 8/22/1913 and died 6/22/1999. Robert E. Bower worked as a farmer and soil conservation technician. On their farm, he raised cattle, sheep and they were grain farmers. Their farm was named Willow Brook Farm, located at 28315 Jackson Road in Salt Creek Township. Robert and Elizabeth were parents to one son, Robert Louis Bower, born 4/25/1944.

Robert L. Bower married Melodee Colleen Bartholomew on 10/1/1967. They are parents to John Michael Bower, born 8/20/1970 and Carey Suzanne Bower, born 5/31/1973. Carey married Tim Ward 7/3/2003. John and Carey are the present owners of Willow Brook Farm, which is operated as a grain farm. Crops raised are wheat, corn, and soybeans.

-Submitted by John M. Bower

GEORGE W. BOWERS FAMILY

Simon Bowers, who was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania in 1796, the son of immigrants from Wurttemberg, Germany, traveled to Fairfield County, Ohio in 1833 and purchased a farm there. Six years later, Simon was instrumental in organizing and building the Lutheran Church in East Ringgold, Ohio. He is buried in the cemetery adjoining the church property. Jacob Bowers, one of Simon's 14 children, married Elizabeth Gessley, one of 11 children of John Goesele (the name later being anglicized to "Gessley") who was born in Schlesbadt, Germany in 1863 and came to America in 1817, settling in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania. George W. Bowers was one of Jacob and Elizabeth's seven children.

Wedding photo of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bowers taken April 1897.

On April 8, 1897, George married Clara Lucinda Brown, a daughter of Joseph and Lucinda Peters Brown, of Walnut Township. Soon after their marriage, George and Clara purchased Joseph's farm and later raised their family there.

In addition to farming, George taught at Walnut Township School after graduating from the National Normal University in Lebanon, Ohio. He also served as a justice of the peace. In 1905, he was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives and served two terms in the legislature.

George and Clara had four children: Harold Jennings, born August 5, 1904; Helen Elizabeth, born June 29, 1908; Stanley Jacob, born January 1, 1912; and Georgia Claire, born April 19, 1916, six weeks after George's untimely death at age 44.

A few years after George's death, Clara became a cook at Walnut Township School. Later, after selling the farm and moving to Ashville, she was a cook at Ashville School. Clara died July 20, 1949.

Each of George and Clara's children graduated from college. Harold began his 44-year career in public education as a teacher in Walnut Township and retired as Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction in the Ohio Department of Education. Harold also served 12 years as a member of the Selective Service Board in Pickaway County.

Helen's career began as a teacher in Ashville. She also served with the USO during World War II, was Assistant Dean of Women at Capital University, was Director of Information and Services Center with the Council of Social Agencies of Columbus and Franklin County, and concluded her career as an Associate Professor of Social Work at Capital University.

Stanley became a lawyer and spent 29 years with the Ohio Department of Taxation, serving 9 years as State Tax Commissioner. After retiring from the Department of Taxation, Stanley was Executive Director of the National Tax Association for 9 years.

Georgia, also a teacher, taught in Sandusky, South Bloomfield, Walnut Township, and Ashville during a 32-year career. She was also the first director of the Pickaway County Head Start Program.

Harold Bowers married Josephine Peters on June 12, 1930. They were the parents of Marilyn Pollitt of Naperville, Illinois and G. Robert Bowers of Columbus, Ohio. Josephine died April 13, 1988; Harold died February 6, 1989.

Marilyn and Robert Pollitt were married in 1958 and have a daughter, Nancy Pierson, and a son, Mark Pollitt; they also have two grandchildren.

Bob Bowers married Barbara Wendt in 1958. They have two daughters, Camille Gilbert and Kristin Reed, and six grandchildren.

Helen Bowers died June 27, 1993.

Stanley Bowers married Ruth Allison on September 15, 1934. They had two daughters, Judith Nicely of Akron, Ohio, and Mary Jo Py of Port St. Lucie, Florida. Stanley died November 20, 1992. Ruth resides at Friendship Village in Dublin, Ohio.

Judy Bowers and Alfred Nicely were married in 1960; they have five children, Charles Nicely, Cindy Stevenson, Fred Nicely, Ben Nicely, and Cathryn Nicely, and seven grandchildren. Mary Jo Bowers and Phillip Py married in 1967. They have three children, Phillip, Julia, and John Py, and four grandchildren.

George Bowers married Felix Dore on November 7, 1942. They had a daughter, Marty Dore of Columbus, Ohio, and a son, Bill Dore, of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Georgia died September 27, 1988.

Bill Dore and Carol Will were married in 1979. They have two children, David and Debra Dore, and two grandsons.

-Submitted by Marty Dore

JACOB BOWMAN FAMILY

Jacob and Mary Richards Bowman moved into Pickaway County from Fairfield County in the late 1800's. Jacob was a son of Benjamin and Catherine Kessler Bowman and a grandson of David Bowman who was from Pennsylvania. Jacob was a farmer in Washington Township.

The Jacob Bowman Family: Alta, Merrill (Dick), Ray, Jacob, Dan, Milt, and Bessie.

Jacob and Mary had seven children. Charles was never married. He was killed in a farm accident. (1877-1911)

Alta (1878-1946) married Herbert Leist. They were farmers and had three children: Elsie (1911-1924), Arthur (1913-1981) married Sylvia Rattray and had Carrol (Nelson Stevens) and Jerry (Susan Smith). Carrol has three boys and four grandchildren. Jerry has four daughters and seven grandchildren. Alta and Herb's third child Oakley (1915-2002) married Inez Lane. They have three children, Myron (Ellen Blue), Donald (Belinda Plum), and Jeannie (Larry McDowell). They have five grandchildren.

Jacob and Mary's third child was Daniel (1884-1967) married to Stella Klingensmith. Daniel was a carpenter. They had two children. Leona (1912-1998) married Ralph DeLong and Arthur K. (1924-2003) married Elaine Radcliffe. Leona and Ralph's child is Lydia.

Ray (1886-1939), the next child of Jacob and Mary, married Hazel Leist. Their only child was Cleo (1910-1992) who married Guy Stockman. Their child is Linda (Roger Davis). They have three children: Rick, Anthony and Scott and five grandchildren. Ray was a farmer in Washington Township.

The next child of Jacob and Mary was Bessie (1889-1947). Bessie was the care-giver for her father and sister Alta. She did not marry.

The next member of Jacob and Mary's family

was Merrill (1892-1969). Merrill was known as "Dick" in the community. He married Grace DeLong and was a farmer on the home farm in Washington Township. They had two daughters, Mary Kathryn (1922-2002) married Frank R. Lands. Mary Kathryn was a teacher and Frank a farm implement dealer. They had three sons: James (Jean Strous), Robert (Diana Schall) and Keith (Rebecca Smallwood). Mary Kathryn and Frank have six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Their second daughter is Helen (1924 -) who married Richard Rattray. Helen was a teacher and Richard was in business. They reside on the home farm of Jacob's in Washington Township. Their children are Margaret (Jeff Spevak) and Scott (Gail Chin). They have two grandchildren.

The last child of Jacob and Mary was Milton (1893-1953). He married Grace Stebleton and was an insurance salesman. They had two children. Vera (1921 -) married Ned Kraft who was a farmer in Washington Township. They have two children: Carol (Kevin Driesbach) and Dale (Julie Litterall). They have four grandchildren. The second child of Milton and Grace is Donald (1924 -) who is married to Betty Holcomb. Donald was a printer by profession and they reside in Lancaster. Their children are Dana (Steven Shouldis), Jill (Dorian Richards) and Mark (Terri Rostafer). Donald and Betty have three grandchildren.

The Bowman family are still living in Circleville and Washington Township with the exception of only a few.

-Submitted by Helen Bowman Rattray

ANTHONY & CHRISTINA BOWSHER FAMILY

Anthony Bowsher Sr. (1755-1837) was an early settler and landowner of northern Circleville Township, Pickaway County, along the Scioto River. He was the second son of Daniel and Anna (Drach) Bauscher of Albany Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. Anthony's father was an immigrant from Alsace-Lorraine of Huguenot religious heritage. Daniel and Anna Bauscher had eleven children, many of whom moved west through Ohio.

Anthony Bowsher served as a private in the Continental Line during the Revolution. In 1788 he married Christina Reichelderfer, daughter of his commanding officer.

Around 1800 a number of families of Northumberland County moved west to Pickaway County, Ohio. Brothers Anthony and Peter Bowsher (a blacksmith) and their families settled on the "island" of the Scioto in 1808. Anthony purchased the island and two sections in 1813. Afterwards, the river cut westward redeeming the eastern channel as flood plain within the Township as it is now configured, and crossed by Island Road. Anthony and Christina reared eleven children on the Island Farm. The parents are buried on the farm cemetery close by the road.

The first generation were: John Henry (1780), Peter (1783), Elizabeth (1784) married Peter Harpster, John (1786) Daniel (1789), Anthony, Jr. (1792), Catherine (1795) married Mr. Justice, Jacob (1799), William (1800) and Barbara(y) (1802) married John Buck. All were born in Pennsylvania. From an early date the Island Road families established strong ties to Jackson Township, children crossed the river to attend school there instead of Circleville.

Anthony Bowsher, Jr. (1792-1861) succeeded his father at the homeplace and married Sarah Reeder (1796-1834). During the War of 1812 he served in the Pickaway County Mounted Militia. Three other brothers served, according to tradition, in the War of 1812.

Anthony Jr. and Sarah are also buried in the Island Farm cemetery. Many of their descendants and other relatives migrated to Northwest Ohio after the plague years along the Scioto River. Children born on the Island farm of this generation were: Elias (1815), Matilda (1817) married John Orrison, Mary (1818), Harriet (1819), Christina (1820), Henry Oscar (1825), Elizabeth (1830) married John, Marian (1831), married Henry Blacker, Sanford (1833). This generation widely scattered.

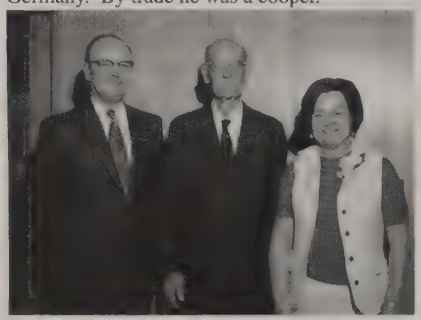
Anthony's second son, Henry Oscar Bowsher (1825-1880) married Elizabeth Hoover of Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, 1849. They had six children and first lived in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County, on Keyes Road then relocated to the Ashville, Ohio vicinity near the Hoover family. Their children were: Ezra (1851-c.1905), Marcus (1853-1930), Edward (1855-1878), Josephine (1858-c.1905) married J.E. Pierce, Anthony (1860-1935 "Bowshier"), and Ida (1861-1886).

Their second son, Marcus Bowsher (1852-1930) remained near Williamsport, Ohio and owned a small farm on Yankeetown Pike. He married Alice Hoagland (1853-1880), a Deercreek Township school teacher and had two children, son Harry who died as an infant and Florence (1878-1952) who married John Seaburn in 1901. Marcus Bowsher remarried in 1886 to Emma Alice Cox (1859-1949) of Williamsport. Their family moved to Akron, Ohio during World War I, including sons Clarence and Williard Bowsher and daughter Grace, wife of Emmet Rector.

-Submitted by Walter Knauff

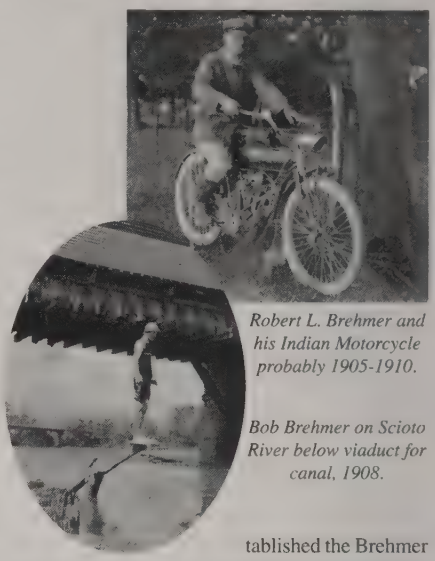
BREHMER FAMILY

Jacob Brehmer, born near Wittenberg, Germany, emigrated to Chillicothe, Ohio in 1847 with his wife, born Elizabeth Schull, from Baden, Germany. By trade he was a cooper.



Robert Brehmer, Jr., Robert Brehmer, Sr., and Elsie Brehmer Bell. 1970

A son, John, was born to them Oct. 7, 1854. To learn a trade John found work in the "Rose Grove Nursery" ultimately going to Cincinnati where he managed the Jackson greenhouses. From there he went to Adelphi, Ohio to take charge of the Reigel nursery, later becoming a partner. After 12 years, he came to Circleville in 1886 and established the Brehmer nursery on Sumpter Avenue. Four years later, he moved to the old fair grounds on the Folsom place and in 1902 built his greenhouses on North Court Street.



Robert L. Brehmer and his Indian Motorcycle probably 1905-1910.

Bob Brehmer on Scioto River below viaduct for canal, 1908.

He married Katie Landsdorfer, whose family were coopers in the hills near Laurelville. They had three children – Pearl, who died a young man, Robert (Feb. 16, 1884) and Hazel, who located in Columbus.

Robert (Bob) remained in Circleville working first as a lineman for the Central Union Telephone Co., Circleville becoming manager. He married Nettie Hermann of Chillicothe, an operator for the Chillicothe Telephone Company. In 1913 he became a partner in the Noecker and Brehmer Ford Agency and in 1915 established the Brehmer Ford Agency.

In 1932 he returned to the family business of Brehmer Greenhouses where he remained until his death. He was quite active in the community being one of the founders of the Circleville Rotary Club and the Pickaway Country Club and was on the original Board of Governors of Berger Hospital. He served on the board and was president of the Circleville Rotary Club, the Pickaway County Chamber of Commerce, the Forest Cemetery Association, the Ohio Florists Association and the Circleville Oil Company. He was active in scouting having received the Silver Beaver Award.

They had a daughter, Elsie and a son, Robert (Bud), Jr.. Elsie graduated from Ohio University and married Joseph Bell of Circleville. She taught at Atwater Elementary School and became a very beloved teacher having the library there dedicated to her memory. She had four sons: Brent, Brian, Bruce and Brock.

Bud married Marilyn Lutz of Circleville.

They had three daughters: Melanie, Marcia, and Marion. Bud graduated from Ohio State University in 1943. During World War II he worked on the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At war's end he returned to the family business with his brother-in-law, Joseph Bell, where he remained until retiring. In 1987 they sold Brehmer Greenhouses completing 100 years as a family business.

Bud was recipient of the Circleville Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award and the Circleville Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award. Elected to the Circleville Board of Education he served for 20 years, 10 as president. He served on the board of directors of the First National Bank and The Circleville Oil Company and as president of the Circleville Jaycees and the Circleville Rotary Club. A member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, he served on the vestry, choir, and as lay reader.

-Submitted by Robert Brehmer

WILLIAM BRIGGS FAMILY

William Briggs was born December 7, 1858, in Fayette County, Ohio, the son of Allison and Jane Snider Briggs. On December 24, 1879 he married Elizabeth James, who was born August 2, 1860, in Ross County, Ohio, the daughter of Strawder and Rebecca Bush James. William and Elizabeth had 11 children: Harry, Lillie, Strawder, Jane, Warren, Bryce, Cecil, Lena, Anna Lee, Dudley and Elizabeth. Coming from Concord Township, Ross County, Ohio, they settled in the New Holland, Ohio area in 1886.

Forrest and Wilma Briggs McCune at the McCune family reunion in New Holland, OH. Summer of 1934.

William operated a blacksmith shop in New Holland for many years. He served on the Village Council and then as Mayor of New Holland from 1909-1913, during which time he was instrumental to a great degree in bringing electricity to the village. He also served as Postmaster of New Holland from August 25, 1913 to April 1, 1922, and then from 1925-1932 he worked as a deputy in the Pickaway County Auditor's office during the two terms his son, Bryce, served as Pickaway County Auditor. Elizabeth died on December 29, 1935, and William died September 20, 1936. Both are buried at Greenlawn Cemetery in Frankfort, Ohio.

Strawder Cleveland Briggs was born May 8, 1884, in Ross County, Ohio, and married November 17, 1907 to Georgia Kenyon Trotter, who was born July 24, 1892, in Columbus, Kansas, the daughter of Luke and Gertrude Crawford Trotter. Their children were: Mabel Elizabeth "Betsy" and Wilma Georgia. Strawder lived most of his life in the New Holland area, with the exception of 15 years when he resided in Ganado, Texas, and worked as a farmer. Georgia died January 4, 1916 and is buried in Cherokee County, Kansas. Strawder died April 12, 1966 and is buried in the New Holland Cemetery.

Wilma Georgia Briggs was born September 27, 1913, in Ganado, Jackson County, Texas, married March 26, 1934 to Forrest Glendon McCune, who was born November 27. 1908, in Wayne Township, Fayette County, Ohio, the son of William and Jane Price McCune. Their children were: Barbara, Georgia, William and Janey. Wilma and Forrest lived most of their lives in the New Holland community. Forrest worked as an auto mechanic and Wilma worked as a beautician and an aide at Orient State Institute. Forrest died February 13, 1978, and Wilma died November 17, 1984. They are buried in the New Holland Cemetery.

Clarisse Jane "Janey" McCune was born June 2, 1950, married February 3, 1971 to John David Sprouse, who was born May 14, 1946, the son of John and Viola Bostwick Sprouse. They are the parents of: Chris, born March 15, 1971 and Scott, born October 25, 1975. They resided in Circleville, Ohio from 1973-1985 and in New Holland, Ohio from 1985-1989, before moving to Chillicothe, Ohio in June 1989.

-Submitted by Chris Sprouse

FLOYD BRIGNER FAMILY

This story is about my parents Floyd Irvin Brigner and Maxine (Hummell) Brigner. I first want to tell you about my father's family since they have Pickaway County, Ohio roots. His grandparents were Martin Brigner (12-15-1850) and Clarinda (Southworth) Brigner (3-27-1852) from Pike County, Ohio. They were the parents of 7 boys. One of the boys was Floyd's father, Charles 'Irvin' Brigner (12-01-1877). On August 3, 1903 he married Elizabeth 'Gertrude' White (3-8-1883). She was one of 14 children born to John C. White (7-19-1845) who was in the 114th Ohio Inf. during the Civil War and Eliza Long (11-6-1847) born in Monroe Township, Ohio. They were married in Circleville, Ohio on November 8, 1866, so that means his mother's family had been in Pickaway County since 1847.

My father (Floyd Brigner) was born on May 18, 1913 to Irvin and Gertrude (White) Brigner in Darbyville. He had 2 brothers (Leonard and Ernest) and 3 sisters (Clarinda, Bernice and Medrith). He graduated from Muhlenberg High School, Pickaway County, in 1932 where he played baseball and basketball. He loved baseball and he played on an independent team in Royalton, Ohio. He met my mother (Maxine Hummell) in Royalton where her parents owned a grocery store. She was born on December 3, 1913 to Charles Hummell (1880) and Bertha (Heister) Hummell (9-6-1886). She had 2 sisters (Juanita and Betty) and 2 brothers (Bill and Doyle).

Floyd & Maxine Brigner.
July 29, 1973, 39th wedding anniversary.

My parents were married on July 29, 1934 in Amanda, Ohio and they moved to Darbyville, Ohio and lived there the rest of their lives. They were the parents of Jerry Eugene Brigner and myself. Jerry married Janet Williams and I married James Edwards. My father farmed, drove the starting gate at Beulah Park Racetrack in Grove City, Ohio, drove a truck for Pickaway Dairy, sold siding and he served as a Muhlenberg Township Trustee. My parents bought a small grocery store in Darbyville in 1946 and ran the store until 1978. They worked very hard because the store was open 7 days a week from 10 to 10. If anyone needed help they always knew they could come to my parents. They would let people charge their groceries until they got paid. There was an old church bench that sat out in front of the store where several men sat and told many big stories so my mother made a sign that said "Liar's Bench Now Open".

My mother was always a wonderful cook and she was known for her pies and angel food cakes. They also enjoyed their two grandchildren, Brian Andrew Brigner and Beth Ann Brigner. When the grandchildren would come to visit, my father would always put a dollar under the dinner plate so they would find it when they sat down at the table. To this day they still talk about how good a cook their grandmother was and they remember how special they were to their grandparents. My mother passed away July 19, 1981 and my father passed away on February 21, 1990.

-Submitted by Phyllis Edwards

LAWRENCE BRIGNER FAMILY

Lawrence Brigner was born February 23, 1912 and married Margaret Jinks on April 3, 1935. She was born on July 21, 1911. He was a farmer in Pickaway County and farmed 582 acres in 1934. He had tractors with steel wheels and farmed with horses prior to having tractors with all rubber wheels. She was a housewife and they had six children.

Barbara Annice Brigner was born January 20, 1936. She graduated from Walnut High School in Ashville in 1954 and took six months training at Bliss College. She took a job with a Farm Acceptance Company and moved to Illinois in the early 1960's. She married Wayne Carlisle on October 30, 1963 and became the mother of two

Lawrence & Margaret Brigner, 1935.

and grandmother of two. Ronald Wayne Carlisle was born April 21, 1964 and he married Mary Ellen Dembinski on September 10, 1988. They had two children: Bryce Ronald Carlisle was born February 19, 1998 and Kyra Ellison Carlisle was born on December 1, 1999. Wanda Carlisle was born September 26, 1968 and married Dan Gaston on May 21, 2002

Rowena Brigner was born February 26, 1937. She graduated from Walnut High School in 1955 and took six months training at Bliss College. She was a secretary for several years and became a Credit Analyst and is still working in her 45th year at Franklin International. She married Don Stange on December 3, 1966 and became parents of one – Tippy Ann Brigner, born August 8, 1959.

David Eugene Brigner was born April 29, 1938. He graduated from Walnut High School in 1956 and served in the army starting November 1, 1956 with 24 weeks of basic training and served in the reserves for eight years. He became a member of Ironworkers Union Local 172 and worked for 40 years before retiring. He married Darlene Brumfield on January 22, 1966.

Barbara Brigner Carlisle, Rowena Brigner Stange, David E. Brigner, Marvin L. Brigner, Lawrence Brigner.

Marvin Leroy Brigner was born December 3, 1939. He graduated from Walnut High School in 1958 and was an ironworker from 1959-1999 before retiring. He married Marilyn Goldsberry on October 6, 1961. They had three children: Merrilie Ann Brigner was born on November 16, 1961 and married Jerry Simmons on February 17, 1984. They had two daughters: Amy Alena Simmons, born September 4, 1985 and Kristen Danielle Simmons, born on June 22, 1988. She divorced Jerry and married Greg Munsey on March 7, 1992. They had a son, Marvin Andrew Brigner, born on August 4, 1964 who married Suzanne Laver on August 23, 1992. They had a son, Corbin James Brigner, born on September 26, 1994. Divorced in 2003. Son Mark Alan Brigner was born May 14, 1968. He married Pamela Marie Hillis on July 21, 1990. They had a son, Marc Alton Brigner, born on January 9, 1991 and a daughter Ashton Marie Brigner, born on August 6, 1992. They were divorced.

Lloyd Dean Brigner was born October 26, 1943 and died after three months.

Lawrence James Brigner was born December 10, 1947. He graduated from Teays Valley High School in Ashville in 1966. He was drafted and served in the Vietnam War. After an honorable discharge at the end of the war, he went to work for the grainery in Ashville, Ohio. He married Darlene Friend on April 13, 1968 and they became the parents of two and grandparents of two. Darletta May Brigner was born on August 13, 1973 and married Max Steinmetz on August 3, 1996. They had a son Eric Steinmetz who was born on March 5, 1993. Daughter Dustee Marie Brigner was born on October 24, 1974 and married Matthew Plum on June 11, 1994. They had a son Jacob Allen Plum born on May 6, 1999.

-Submitted by David E. Brigner

GEORGE W. BRINKER FAMILY

George W. was born Feb. 1, 1824, the son of George and Mary Shope Brinker. He married Saray (Fannie) Bowman Oct. 19, 1853. Sarah was born May 6, 1834 the daughter of Joseph and Mary Sheets Bowman. They had children: William Franklin born Sept. 6, 1854 and died June 25, 1924; Josephine born 1854 and died Feb. 2, 1940; William born April 6, 1855 and died April 13, 1855; Mary Ann born around Aug. 27, 1856 and died July 10, 1923; Emma A. born Nov. 3, 1857 and died April 30, 1935; Joseph E. born Sept. 16, 1859 and died Nov. 9, 1921; John Milton born Feb. 11, 1862 and died Feb. 17, 1931; E.F. Brinker; Sarah J. born Dec. 22, 1864 and died Jan. 9, 1909; and Dora born June 18, 1872 and died as an infant. George W. died February 29, 1904. Sarah died August 10, 1908.

W. Franklin Brinker married first Ida Jane Belong (1869-1908) and had sons William Samuel born Dec. 18, 1893 and died Sept. 12, 1941 and Wilbur who died April 20, 1967. On May 26, 1910 he married second wife Cora Evangelyn Knepper (1867-May 2, 1944).

William Samuel married Bernice Musburger who was born in 1895. They had a son John Milton born May 25, 1929 and daughter Joan born April 17, 1927. William Samuel died September 12, 1941. Bernice was married for the second time to John Ucker 1949? Bernice died November 18, 1977.

John Milton married Beverly Buskirk in 1950. Beverly was born January 6, 1929 and was the daughter of Daniel and Jessie (Veale) Buskirk. They had children: Mark born April 27, 1951; Dale John (Jack) born December 19, 1953 – died November 20; Jay born September 5, 1955; Brenda born September 14, 1956; and Daniel born July 31, 1957. John Milton died August 28, 1986. Beverly died February 19, 2002. Joan married Harold Hall. They had children: Larry Richard, Brent Allen, Kim, Traci B., and Terri Ann.

Emma A. Brinker married John Jacob Mast, a farmer, who was born Sept. 3, 1853 and died Oct. 13, 1919. Their children were: John, Phoebe, and George. John Brinker Mast married Mabel G. Valentine and they had: Helen Louise, Emanuel, Paul, Rosemary, and Wilbur. Rosemary married Miller Dunkel and had a son Bryan M. Miller. He died and Rosemary married Atwell G. Strickland who died Nov. 27, 1999. Bryan married Nancy and they have son Aaron M. Wilbur married Elinor Shull and had: John Edward and Carl Stephen. Second Wilbur married Thelma Hines. John Edward married Teresa Musselman and they had Ryan and Jarod. John died May 31, 1997 as a result of an automobile accident. Phoebe was married and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

-Submitted by Jay Brinker

GEORGE BRINKER FAMILY

George Brinker, born in 1786 came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1810 when he was 18. He was the son of Hans Konrad Brinker born Mar. 5, 1723? in Switzerland and Catherine Miller born Mar. 9, 1768 in Delaware. George, a hero of the War of 1812, played a prominent part in developing agricultural resources in Pickaway County. The Hedges Chapel Class was organized by Rev. J.H. Creighton in George's home in 1841.

George Brinker and his wife Mary Shope had eleven children: Barnet Barnabas born Aug. 4, 1813 and died Dec. 18, 1885; John born Mar. 25, 1815; Silas born Feb. 1, 1816 and died Sept. 12, 1840; Lucinda born Nov. 30, 1818; Mary born Oct. 4, 1819; Nancy born Oct. 20, 1821; Susannah born Dec. 31, 1822; George born. Feb. 1, 1824; Elizabeth born Mar. 15, 1825; Sarah born Mar. 13, 1827 and Lavina born Feb. 9, 1830. Mother Mary died in 1830, at age 39 years, during childbirth.

April 13, 1830 George was married for the second time to Elizabeth Young, born 1799, and had three children: Catherine E. born May 1, 1836; Oliver Perry born Dec. 11, 1837; and Angeline born 1843. George died Oct. 25, 1856, age 70. Elizabeth died Sept. 5, 1856.

Barnabas married Elizabeth Knight Jan. 29, 1846. Elizabeth was born Aug. 8, 1819 to John Henry and Mary Glaze Knight. She died July 6, 1904. Their children were: Mary Ann born Nov. 4, 1846 and died Aug. 25, 1847; George W. born Jan. 16, 1847 and died Feb. 29, 1904; John born July 10, 1848 and died June 28, 1851; Jonathan born May 15, 1851 and died Feb. 9, 1915; Oliver Perry born Dec. 21, 1852; William born April 12, 1855 and died April 13, 1855; Lida born June 11, 1856; Jerome born June 3, 1858 and died Mar. 20, 1859; Willie; Marian Thomas born Oct. 28, 1861 and died Aug. 16, 1940; and Charles F. born January 25, 1865 and died Dec. 10, 1938.

On Sept. 9, 1869, Barnabas' son George

W. Brinker married Martha Orrison born May 1853. Their children were: Mark Elmer born 1871; John Trimble born Dec. 10, 1876 and died June 24, 1933; Elyda, Maude E. born Jan. 1882, and Clyde born Oct. 1889 and died Feb. 9, 1962. Mark Elmer married Emma Longenbaugh. Emma died June 14, 1889, and he married Harriet Probst June 22, 1899. John Trimble (Trim) born Dec. 1875 married Lillie Brintlinger born Dec. 1876 and died April 26, 1945. Their children were: Clesta F., George Manard, Edgar, and Elliott. Edgar M. married Norma J. Hoover and they had son Thomas E.. Thomas E. had daughter Amanda and grandson Zachary. Maude E. married Jacob Felmeth Feb. 9, 1962. Clyde married Mary B. Gessler who died Dec. 21, 1965, and they had a daughter Martha Mary. Martha Mary died Dec. 21, 1982. Clyde owned a confectionary in Ashville.

Jonathan married Lida J. Weaver (1854-1951), daughter of D.F. Weaver, on Jan. 29, 1879. Their children were Harry W. and Meda Alice (1882-1948). Harry married Margaret Hoe. Their daughter married Bob Hobb. Meda Alice married Charles T. Hay and their daughter Louise married Harold Hines, a farmer. Louise and Harold had sons: Harold Charles, Larry, and Bobby. Larry married Alice Baum. In addition to managing an extensive agricultural operation, Jonathan operated a farm implement and general store at Brinker's Corners, and he was a member of the Knights of Pythias and Hedges Chapel M.E. Church. His home was a large brick house built in 1889 by himself and his father.

Lida Ann Brinker married Gilbert Humble. They had children Frank and Edna. Edna married James Arthur Coon and their children were: Helen, George, Donald, Frank, and Normagene.

-Submitted by Normajean Cornwell

BROOKINS FAMILY

I am sharing my records in the hope that it will help ease my future generations in their search for their ancestors. I had a great deal of help from "A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE BROOKINS FAMILY" by Homer De Wilton Brookins. This booklet is a tremendous wealth of information and my family is most thankful to Homer.

My records of the Brookins family begin with the birth of William Brookins on or about 1544 in Tottenes, Devonshire, England. He had a son in 1579 and named him John. John married Agnes Prideux. They had a son in 1620 and named him John. This John married Elizabeth Hollard and came to Boston, Massachusetts in 1658. He owned the Salutation Inn. In 1692, nine years after his death, his widow sold this Inn to Sir William Phipps, then Royal Governor of Massachusetts. Eighty years later this Inn was used as a secret meeting place by Samuel Adams to plan the Boston Tea Party and the Revolution.

John had a son named William in 1681 and William (wife unknown) had a son, Philip, in 1705. Philip married Sarah Keyes.

Philip played an important part in our history. He had 17 sons and at least 13 of these sons and several grandsons fought in the Revolutionary War. Philip fought in two wars, the French and Indian War, which decided that the civilization and government structure of this country should be English instead of French, and the Revolution, which decided that this nation should be free and independent.

One of Philip's sons, Artemas, rode with General George Washington and fought at Saratoga and Valley Forge. Several of Philip's sons are listed in the DAR Patriots Index. When Philip died, he had 75 male descendants still living.

Philip's son Ithamar, born 1741, is next in my line. Ithamar (wife unknown) fathered Benjamin in 1767. Benjamin married Esther Olds and was the first to move to Ohio. He moved to Trimble, Athens County, Ohio. He fathered Eleazer in 1802, who married Hannah Price and they had Cyrus Abel in 1849. Cyrus was born in Athens but moved to Jackson, Ohio. Cyrus married Eliza Stephenson and they had Leander in 1873. Leander married Hester Wilson and they had Roy in 1909 in Jackson, Ohio. Leander moved his family to Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. Roy married Margaret Leroy and fathered Leroy in 1939. Leroy married Lucy Mynes and brought his family to Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio in November of 1971.

Leroy had three children. Leroy II (Tony) born in 1965. Leroy II had a daughter, Kayla. Lora Brookins Raudins, the second child of Leroy born 1971, had two children Sofija and Nathaniel Bruno Raudins. Luther Adam, the third child was born in 1976, which brings us back to the celebration of the results of the American Revolution.

Leroy is keeping with tradition. He is a member of the Circleville Lions Club and is currently the President.

-Submitted by Leroy Brookins

BROOKS-HIGMAN

James E. Brooks, one of 12 children born to James and Polly (Skinner) Brooks, was born June 14, 1834 in Amesville, Ohio and moved to Pickaway County in 1952 at the age of 18. James E.'s great grandfather, John Brooks, was said to

Early 1900's. Back Row: Alta (Brooks) and Shirley Jones. Front Row: Lolie Rose, Una, Inez, Viva, Vivian, and Dayton.

be a Revolutionary War soldier and later served as the tenth governor of Massachusetts. On August 29, 1859, James, a farmer, married Christina Jane Reeves (January 23, 1839 - February 15,1904) and they settled in the Dublin Hill area to raise their 5 children: Owen T. and Mary Emma both died in infancy, Dayton Reeves (May 6, 1868 - July 28, 1951), Elda Esta (1874 - July 11, 1936), and Callie M. (1877 - April 23, 1960). A prominent farmer in Perry Township, James died March 28, 1911. He and Christina are buried at Union Cemetery in New Holland.

Higman Family – 1940's Dublin Hill Home. Back Row: Charles. Middle Row: Maralyn, Myrna, Una, Judith. Front Row: Larry Harlan, Lowell, and Garry.

Dayton Reeves Brooks continued to farm the family land left to him by his father. He married Lolie Rose Gray (August 27, 1869 – March 26, 1948) on October 10, 1889 and they had 5 children: Alta Elda (July 14, 1890 - August 12, 1969), twins Vivan Ray and Viva May (March 22, 1896- Vivan, March 10, 1983 & Viva, August 9, 1983), Rosa Inez (April 12, 1898 - January 9, 1991) and Una Fern (March 22, 1903 - April 1, 1993). Dayton was a member of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. Dayton and his wife are also buried at the New Holland Cemetery.

The family farmland was sold upon Dayton's death and the proceeds divided among the children. Una married Charles Alfred Higman (January 10, 1901 - October 2, 1964) on November 17, 1928, and they settled in Williamsport. Charles was the son of William J. and Matilda B. (McGath) Higman. He was a mechanic and electrician. Una loved caring for their 8 children (including 2 sets of twins): Judith Laverne (September 8, 1929), Maralyn Rose (September 13, 1931), twins Gary Edward and Larry Ray (June 7, 1935 - Gary, August 30, 1987), Myrna Jean (August 12, 1937), Charles Lowell (August 17, 1939 - January 8, 2000), and twins Harlan Dan and Garlan Don (July 27, 1942 – Garlan, March 3, 1944 of measles and pneumonia). Charles, Una, Garlan, and Lowell are buried at Springlawn Cemetery in Williamsport. Gary was buried at Veteran's Cemetery in Piti, Guam.

Marriage, jobs, and education began to pull the family members away from the home. Larry married Virginia (Jinny) Lee Rodgers (June 17, 1936 - August 21, 2003) on November 10, 1953. He worked as a hogbuyer for Armour in Mt. Sterling and was a farmer in the New Holland area with his father-in-law. They had 2 children: Jeffrey Jay (August 28, 1956 - February 25, 2003) and Rena Beth (June 19,1958). Jinny was able to stay home to raise their children until their high school years. They eventually settled in Columbus (Franklin County) Ohio. Jinny and Jeff are buried at Union Cemetery in New Holland.

-Submitted by Rena Beth Higman

BROWN FAMILY

Evidence supports that James Brown, b.1732 was the father of William Samuel Brown (WSB), b. August 30, 1758 in Maryland. Evidence indicates that they were close with a Lane family there, perhaps even before this period of time. These two families migrated to Pennsylvania about 1770. Samuel Lane Sr. had one son, Rev. Samuel Lane Jr., who was a Baptist Circuit Rider and father of Ruth Lane b. about 1763.

Brown Family reunion ca. 1892 Ringgold Northern Road.

In March 1778 WSB signed on to serve in the Revolutionary War about eight months. General Roberdeau had arranged with Washington to build a frontier "Lead Mine Fort" in "Sinking Valley" of the Allegheny mountains (NE of Altoona, Pennsylvania near Culp, Pennsylvania of Blair County) to protect the precious lead being removed from the mountains for use to fight the War. It was a very valuable resource. Frontier settlers and miners were threatened by British sympathizers and Indians. Historians have rebuilt the fort which today is called Fort Roberdeau.

L to R: Ralph W., Mary Alice (Manson), Buddy R., Monna Marie, Bobby O. Brown.

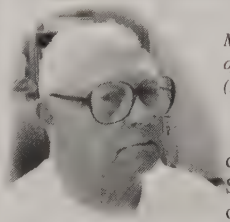
In November/December 1778, WSB was discharged and returned to Bedford, Pennsylvania. Evidence implies that this is when he married Ruth Lane. They seem to have been farmers even though the Lanes were an affluent family line. They had eleven children: William B., Mary, Samuel, Joshua, Nancy, Sarah, Elizabeth, Elisha, Elijah, Hannah, and Eliza Brown.

In 1799 Wilkinson Lane, Ruth Lane's uncle, formed a group of families and left Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania and headed west. They stopped in the Northwest Territories around today's Lancaster, Ohio. Wilkinson obtained land on Toby Creek which had been an Indian village with a chief named Toby.

WSB was Wilkinson's neighbor in Pennsylvania and in 1805 he bought, as an "Entryman" the NE and SW Quarter sections of Section 23 of today's Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, at the intersection of Ringgold Northern and Ashville Fairfield Roads. Traveling west from the intersection, the first half mile on the right and the next half mile on the left was what he bought. One whole Section is one square mile. Ashville Fairfield Road divides the northern half and southern half of Section 23. In the Fall of 1806, WSB, with children and in-laws, arrived from Pennsylvania and moved onto this land.

In the early 1800's Joshua and Elijah served as militia to help control the Wyandot Indians near Upper Sandusky, Ohio. They obtained lands there and moved there. In 1840 Ruth died and was buried on the homestead but later moved to Reber Hill Cemetery, Walnut Township. WSB moved north to live with Joshua's family in Hancock County, Ohio. A large contingent of the Brown line developed around Upper Sandusky, Ohio. WSB lived to age 95 and died in Mt. Blanchard. He is buried in Lee Cemetery along with many of his children and in-laws.

Standing, L to R: Ralph W., Ruth, Rosa Hutchins Brown, Marie, Dorothy, and Addison Brown. Squatting, L to R: Betty Conrad, and Marvina Brown.



Mr. Bobby O. Brown. Son of Ralph W. and Mary Alice (Manson) Brown

However, some of WSB's family line stayed in Pickaway County and from those I descend. Most being buried in Reber Hill Cemetery. William B. Brown, son of WBS, b.1787 in Pennsylvania, married Rebecca Morris, b.April 12, 1776 in Pennsylvania.

1. James Brown (1732-) m. ?
2. William Samuel Brown (1758-1853) m. Ruth Lane (1758-1840)
3. William B. Brown (1779-1852) m. Rebecca Morris (1776-1872)
4. William Brown III (1805-1881) m. Elizabeth Ann Newman (1812-1875)
5. Joseph H. Brown (1837-1896) m. Lucinda Peters (1842-1916)
6. Absalom Adam Brown (1873-1915) m. Rosa Alice Hutchins (1879-1953)
7. Ralph Walton Brown (1912-1985) m. Mary Alice Manson (1912-1984)
8. Bobby O'Niel Brown (1930-) m. Carolyn Sue Swincher (1934-) m. second Luz Ponsica (1945-)
9. Buddy Roger Brown (1933-) m. Patty Louise Croson (1930-)
10. Monna Marie Brown (1941-) m. Frank Holter (1941-)

-Submitted by Bobby O. Brown

HARRY & FAIRY BROWN

Harry Groce Brown was born 1 August, 1893 in Walnut Township, Pickaway County to Charles Elmore Brown and Clara Jane Groce. His wife, Fairy Fern Wolfe, born on 12 September, 1893, near Stoutsville, Ohio, the daughter of George Wolfe and Hannah Jane Shupe. They were married on 4 February 1915 in Circleville, Ohio. Around 1940 they moved to Ashville, Ohio and established Brown Tractor and Implement Company, a John Deere business which continued in the Brown family until 2003. Fairy passed away on 24 March, 1956 in Columbus, Ohio. Harry died in Pickaway County 15 July, 1984 and is buried beside his wife in Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio.

Harry and Fairy had 2 children, Eleanor Jane and Warren Elmer. Jane, born 28 August, 1917 in Fairfield County, Ohio married Robert Bausum on 2 September, 1939 in Pickaway County. Bob operated Bausum's Variety Store in Ashville. Their children were Tom, Janet, and Brenda. They have several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jane is still living in Columbus near her daughter Brenda. Tom is retired from the John Deere business and lives in Little Walnut with his wife Nancy. Janet resides in Tennessee with her husband Bill.

Warren was born on 27 January, 1916 in Walnut Township and graduated from Walnut High School. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Lillian Kay Boyer in Mt. Sterling, Ohio on 23 May, 1936. She was born on 11 March, 1915, the daughter of Claude Boyer and Dora East. Warren worked at the John Deere in Columbus and about 1943 they moved to Ashville and began working with his father. Warren continued the business until 1976 when his son, Richard, took over. Warren was active in the Ashville Community Club, the Lockbourne Masonic Lodge, the American Legion, and served on the Ashville School Board.

Warren and Lillian had 2 children, Richard Earl and Bonnie Jane. Richard was born 17 December, 1937 in Circleville, Ohio. He worked in

the family business with his father and grandfather. His first marriage was to Carole Ruth Reed. Their children are Sandy Jo and Julie Ann. After divorce he married Martha Stevenson Wells. Martha passed away and he then married Karyn Reeb. He currently resides in Ashville.

Bonnie was born 23 October, 1942 in Columbus. She became a registered nurse, graduating from Riverside White Cross Hospital School of Nursing, Columbus. She married Harold Myers on 3 January, 1964 at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. They had 3 children, Michael Wayne, David Warren and Lucinda Jane. After a divorce, Bonnie worked as a nurse in Dover, Delaware. She returned to Lancaster, Ohio where she lived for 18 years. Her son Michael lives in Chauncy, Ohio and has 2 children, Michael James and Allee. David lives in Milford, Utah and has 4 children, Jordan, Kody, Cheznie, and Erinn. Lucinda (Robinson) lives in Lancaster, Ohio and has 2 children, Hannah and Jacob. Bonnie is a volunteer at the Ashville museum and resides in Ashville.

-Submitted by Bonnie Myers

JOHN BROWN IV

John Brown IV, a Revolutionary War soldier, is the subject of this biographical sketch. John Brown was born August 25, 1763 to John Brown III. While residing in Westmoreland County, Virginia, John enlisted in the spring of 1779, served as a sergeant in Captain John Mazarett's Virginia Company of Artillery; marched to Hampton, Virginia, was stationed at the fort, then went to Williamsburg, Virginia; served in Colonel Thomas Marshall's Virginia Regiment; thence he marched to Petersburg, Virginia, in Captain Christopher Roane's Virginia Company; then to North Carolina where he was in the Battle of Comlen or Gates' Defeat, returning to Virginia under Captain Roane and was at the siege of Yorktown and surrender of Lord Cornwallis after which he received his discharge. John applied for a military pension on October 19, 1818 while residing in Hampshire County, Virginia.

John married Anne Murphy in November, 1792. Anne was born September 10, 1765 and died January 7, 1844. In March, 1837 they were living in Wheeling, Ohio County, Virginia and in August of 1837 they moved to Pickaway County, OH where they lived the remainder of their lives. John died February 10, 1843 in Pickaway County, OH. Children born to John and Anne were: Corbin, born September 13, 1793 and died January 5, 1844; Frances H., born January 10, 1796; Eliza M., born September 14, 1800; William and Margaret (twins), born March 1, 1803; John and Nancy (twins), born March 10, 1804; and Richard, born May 16, 1808. Margaret (Peggy) married a Hustin, Frances (Fanny) married McCullough, Eliza married a Hansbrough, and Richard married Sarah McCammon on April 12, 1814.

Their son Richard and his wife Sarah (McCammon) had six children: Margaret, born about 1841; William Henri (Malinda Fox, daughter of Jacob Fox, Revolutionary War veteran) born March 29, 1846, died March 16, 1903 from an injury while in the Civil War; Elizabeth Ann born September 5, 1847; Mary Catherine (Martin Tisdale, Civil War veteran) born September 18, 1849 in Pickaway County and died October 26, 1918 in Hancock County, Ohio; Leora (Abraham Cassel) died January 4, 1916 in Lucas County, Ohio. Thomas Ballard Brown, born December 19, 1850 and presumed to be Richard and Sarah's son as he was entered in the Brown Family Bible currently owned by Gay N. Brown Jones. The Richard Brown family moved to Hancock County in the early 1850's and Richard died there, March 24, 1853. Sarah later married Abraham Cassel and she died December 7, 1873. Sarah and many members of her family are buried in Benton Ridge Cemetery, Hancock County, OH.

-Submitted by Dr. Gay N. Jones

BUMGARNER

Oscar Ellsworth Bumgarner was born 24 September, 1865 in Pike County, Ohio. He died 17 November, 1962 in Circleville, Ohio. His wife, Catherine Vogel was born 05 October, 1868, also in Pike County. They were married 02 November, 1892, in Pike County. Catherine died 01 February, 1944, in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Oscar was a farmer and raised horses and cows. After he retired from farming he worked several years as a groom attending fairs throughout Ohio. He retired from that when he was 90. It is not known when they moved to Pickaway County. They did have four children: Walter Oliver, Dorsey Lewis, Harold Albert, and Orville. The first three children were born in Pike County, with Orville being born 15 December, 1898, in Pickaway County.

Oscar farmed at Route 56 and Route 104. They then moved to Cromley Road near Ashville. His son Harold also lived on Cromley Road. Harold was a tenant farmer.

Harold Albert Bumgarner was born 24 May, 1897, in Pike County. He died 12 January, 1984 in Circleville, Ohio. He married Nellie C. Eitel 01 December, 1923, in Pickaway County. She was born 16 November, 1899, in Pickaway County and died 26 January, 1986, in Circleville. Harold served in the U.S. Army during World War I and was later a farmer. He and Nellie were very active in the Grange and other community activities. They attended the Lutheran Church. Their children were Dorothy May, Richard Glenn, and Carl Edward.

Carl Edward Bumgarner was born 08 January, 1931 in Pickaway County. He married Mary Irene Partee 10 October, 1952, in Pickaway County. She was born 20 March, 1931, to Guy and Sadie Hoover Partee.

Carl attended Madison School in northern Pickaway County and graduated from Walnut High School. He served in the Ohio Air National Guard, 121st Supply for 9 years at Lockbourne Air Force Base. He also worked at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft as a mechanic. He retired from Rockwell North American Aircraft. His wife, Mary, was a secretary for the insurance firm of Hummel and Plum located in Ashville, Ohio. Carl and Mary are the parents of Steven Edward, Ronald Lee, and Douglas Allen. The Bumgarners currently reside in Ashville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Carl E. Bumgarner

BUMGARNER FAMILY

Oscar E. Bumgarner was born September 24, 1865, in Pike County, Ohio. In 1891, he married Catherine Vogel, who was born October 5, 1868 in Pike County. In 1895, they moved to Pickaway County with their two sons, Walter and Dorsey. After moving to Pickaway County, they had two more sons, Harold and Orville.

Oscar was a farmer and they lived on a farm near Ashville, Ohio,owned by James Valentine. After a few years, the Bumgarners bought a 308-acre farm in Jackson Township, Pickaway County. Their son Walter graduated from Circleville High School in 1912 and later became a well-know auctioneer. Orville graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1916 and went on to be a school teacher and taught 6th grade at Jackson School. Dorsey and Harold didn't graduate as they helped with the farming.

In 1915, Walter married Maude Heistand of Fayette County, Ohio. They became the parents of four boys and two girls. In 1916, Dorsey married Ida Florence Wilson, also of Jackson Township. They had two daughters. In March, 1920 Ida passed away from tuberculosis. Grandparents, Oscar and Catherine, took the two girls to raise. In June, 1925 Dorsey married Beatrice Finley of Circleville. They had no children of their own.

In 1925, Harold married Nellie Eitel of Circleville and they had three children, two boys and one girl. In 1925, Orville married Helen Peters of Circleville, who was also a school teacher. They had two daughters.

In 1928, Oscar and Catherine decided to build a new house on their farm. Mr. Bumgarner went by train to Davenport, Iowa, to order a pre-cut house from Sears and Roebuck Co.. The house was shipped by train to Circleville. Harold and Dorsey then hauled it to the farm by horse and wagon. A carpenter, Charles Barch and his crew from Ashville, built the house. In February, 1929, Bumgarners and their two granddaughters, moved into the new home. The Bumgarner home is still in very good repair, located at the corner of State Rts. 104 and 56.

Catherine passed away February 4, 1944. Oscar stayed at the farm until 1946, when he sold out and went to live with Harold and Nellie.

Forrest Short, a well-known race horse driver, was looking for help with horses. Always having a love for horses, Oscar, at age 85, went to work with Short. At age 90, Oscar began to have leg problems and had to have his right leg amputated at the knee. He lived until November, 1961 when he passed away at age 96.

Bumgarner grandchildren still living in Pickaway County in 2004 are Grace Boyer, Mary Walker, Dorothy Carle, Richard Bumgarner and Carl Bumgarner.

-Submitted by Mary Walker

OSCAR E. BUMGARNER FAMILY

Oscar Ellsworth Bumgarner and his wife, Catherine Vogel Bumgarner came to Pickaway County, Ohio in the spring of 1895, living one year on the Zwicker farm on Lover's Lane, Circleville, then to the Valentine farm in Harrison Township north of Ashville, Ohio. In 1904, they purchased the farm at the southwest corner of State Routes 104 and 56, where they resided the rest of their lives together. After Catherine's death in 1944, Oscar lived with Harold at his farm home south of Ashville.

About 1910 – Oscar Bumgarner Family. Front row: Catherine Vogle Bumgarner, Oscar Ellsworth Bumgarner. Back Row, L to R: Harold, Walter, Dorsey, Orville.

They were parents of four sons: Walter and Dorsey born in Pike County, Harold and Orville born in Pickaway County. Harold and Orville served in World War I, Harold in the Army, Orville in the Navy. Harold and Dorsey lived and farmed in Pickaway County all their lives. Walter was a farmer and an auctioneer, Orville was an accountant.

Mr. Bumgarner was born Sept. 24, 1865, in Pike County, Ohio and was a son of Joseph and Mary Dillard Bumgarner. Mrs. Bumgarner (born 1868) was the daughter of Martin Vogel, a Swiss immigrant who fought in the Civil War, and Mary Angelina Schilling. Mr. Bumgarner was always engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was especially interested in stock-raising and dairying. After he retired from farming, he worked several years as a groom, (harness horse racing) attending fairs throughout Ohio, and retired from that when he was 90 years old. He died 17 Dec 1961. He and Catherine (who were Methodist) are buried in Springbank Cemetery, Rte 104, Ross County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Miriam Bumgarner Share

GEORGE BYRON BURNS -"BARNEY"

He was born at home the youngest of five siblings to George W. and Hazel Cloud Burns, 220 Long Street, Ashville, Ohio on January 17, 1939 and was delivered by Ralph S. Hosler, M.D. Right from the start he picked up the nickname of "Barney".

He attended Ashville Harrison High School, but never liked school. There were times his Mother took him to school, but when she would get back home, Barney had already returned. His brother, Ralph, would also take him to school and make sure he went to his classroom. He didn't like to sit still and it was difficult for him to do. Barney got his love for cars, motorcycles, anything with an engine early in life from his father and two older brothers. By the age of 14 and barely able to see over a steering wheel, he drove cars from Michigan for Mary Katherine Rife's Dodge dealership on the west side of Ashville. A friend, Neal Leatherwood, taught him to ride a motorcycle and he would take his older brother's motorcycle as often as he dared.

Barney's primary occupation for several years started when he was fairly young. A gentleman by the name of Mick Radford had a small body shop in his garage directly behind Barney's home. He and Barney developed a really good relationship, which got him started with his love for painting.

He was a rascal for several years until he enlisted in the Marine Corps June 29, 1956. He proudly served for two years stationed in California. He got to see such places as the Philippines, Guam, Okinawa and Japan. He spoke often of the rigors of training and conditions they had to endure, but was very proud of the fact he had served in the United States Marine Corps. He did receive a Good Conduct Medal and also Marksman Medal for mortar and pistol. He received an Honorable Discharge on May 14, 1958.

George Byron Burns. "Barney"

Returning from the military, he began to work with his father and brothers to learn more about auto mechanics. After his father's death in 1962, he helped his brothers with maintenance of Fischer's Produce Company trucks in Ashville. He started working for C.F. Replogle of Circleville where his skills with a spray gun excelled. Other companies he worked for after Mr. Replogle closed his business would include, Columbus Equipment Company of Columbus, and D.E. Goodchild of Circleville. He spent the last 25 years working for Kenworth Truck Company in Chillicothe, no longer a painter, but a cab builder.

He married Linda K. Caplinger on June 14, 1963 and they shared their lives together for 40 years. There were no children, but they lived in or around Ashville all his life.

During his lifetime, the working years were the most enjoyable. He was quick with a smile or torment and always was a rascal. He enjoyed sharing a joke, drinking coffee with friends or helping a friend work on cars or motorcycles. No matter what, he was always willing to lend a hand. He was easy to talk with and always made new friends quickly. He could fix most things and always enjoyed new cars and motorcycles.

He lost his battle with heart disease at the age of 64 on August 19, 2003 and was laid to rest in Harrison Township Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio.

As his wife and having shared more than forty years of his life, I can only say what a kind and loving person I know, but I have to wonder what he was like the first few rascally years?

-Submitted by Linda K. Caplinger Burns

GEORGE WASHINGTON BURNS

George was born February 22, 1897 in Ross County, Ohio. The early years he lived in Chillicothe, Ohio and from there moved to Circleville, Ohio. His parents were William Burns from Virginia and Elizabeth (Hallet) Burns from Witham-Friary, England. William was an electrician for the Scioto Valley Traction Line. He died rather young, at fifty-six years old due to complications received from an electrical shock while working the line during a storm.

His mother was an immigrant from England, going through Ellis Island. While young, she worked in England as a housekeeper for a well-to-to family. Make no mistake, she was a true British lady in her actions and speech. The grandchildren had to behave whenever they would go to visit their grandmother.

After George W's father died, he became the man of the house and helped support the family. At what age he moved from Chillicothe to Circleville isn't really known. It was always obvious all his life, that Chillicothe had a place in his heart. Later in years he and his wife Hazel would drive to Chillicothe to get their donuts and have coffee. The donuts were always better in Chillicothe.

George Washington Burns

George married a lady from Ashville, Ohio. Her name was Hazel Cloud, daughter of Charles and Effie Cloud. They lived in Circleville after

getting married. They had four children before moving to Ashville. The youngest of their five children was George Byron Burns, born in Ashville at home, delivered by the late Dr. Ralph Hosler. Barney, as everyone knew him, lost his life August 19, 2003. He knew about everyone that ever lived in Ashville during his life and about everyone knew him.

George W. worked as a mechanic all his working years and had the reputation as the best around during his lifetime. He worked and learned the trade at the automobile dealership of Gus Shiers in Circleville. The dealership sold new cars and provided the service work on them also. The cars sold were Cadillac, Packard and Studebaker to name a few. He had a lot of factory training and there weren't that many cars or mechanics to really learn from in those early years. He always did a lot of reading, furthering his knowledge of his profession. He never could get enough knowledge.

During his working years he gave away thousands of dollars in work and information to anyone that would ask him. There wasn't anything selfish about him, as he would help anyone for just a thank you.

Many years ago the Village of Ashville purchased a new fire truck that had some problems. Different people tried to figure out the problem, but to no avail. The Village returned the fire truck to the company that built it, but they weren't able to fix it either. George was now asked if he would have a look at the problem. It was only a matter of minutes before he found the problem and made the necessary repair.

George's military service was not for a very long period. He entered the service and was stationed at Camp Taylor, Louisville, KY. There was an pneumonia epidemic at camp and he contracted the illness. He was so sick that the military in charge gave him up for dead. He was nearly put in a coffin when one of the soldiers saw that he was still breathing ever so slightly. Somehow he was able to recuperate enough to be discharged and sent home where he was fortunate enough to survive and lead a normal life. He loved life and most everyone he knew. His life ended on his sixty-fifth birthday, February 22, 1962.

He was and is still missed by anyone that ever knew him. He would be very proud to know his Army uniform is displayed in the Ashville Area Heritage Society Museum. I am proud to be able to tell this story of my father, since I am the only living child.

-Submitted by Ralph E. Burns

HARRY H. AND DORA I. (LEIST) BUTLER

Everyone knew them as "Mom & Pop." Harry Howard Butler was born on 5 November, 1864 in Circleville, Ohio, the son of Thomas Glaze and Sarah Elizabeth Butler. Dora Icy Leist was born on 18 April, 1866 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Her parents were Thomas J. Leist and Ellen Wann. Dora and Harry were married on 20 October, 1887.

Camp Car ca. 1923-24

Harry worked at the local Heffner Grain Mill until he was seriously injured in a terrible accident that left him partially disabled. His body was torn from under his arm to his waist. The doctors grafted skin from Harry's sister Nellie to repair his injury. Harry was never able to do heavy labor again. He made a living by gardening and selling the fruits of his labor to support his family. Harry and his brother-in-law also bought a double next door to where Harry and Dora lived on Corwin Street that they rented for extra income.

Harry and Dora lived their entire life in Pickaway County except for the wintertime when they would go to Florida for the winter with their daughter Sadie and her family. They traveled in a camp car that Sadie's husband, Earl Weaver, made from a Model A Ford. It was equipped with a stove and a bed and was probably one of the first motor homes in the county (see above). They owned property there where they raised a garden to make money and for food for their table.

Dora and Harry also had two sons, Harry Howard Jr. and Robert. Dora died in Circleville, Ohio on 17 Aug 1944 and Harry died on 14 June, 1954 in Huntington, West Virginia, at the home of his son Robert.

-Submitted by Johnda Scott and Miriam Weaver Heinke

HENRY CALVERT FAMILY

When Jacob Richard Calvert and his wife, Margaret Grant Calvert, arrived in Ohio early in 1853 after making the journey from Virginia on horseback, they settled in Hocking County about a mile south of Rock House. All their children were born there except the eldest, Henry R. who was born on July 28, 1852, in Frederick County, Virginia.

In 1874, Henry married Eliza Jane Wilkins, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Jenkins Wilkins. She was born May 23, 1857, in Hocking County. They moved to Pickaway Township where they were active members of the Morris Church and Henry was elected to the Pickaway Township School Board. Their children were Pearl who married Bertha Alice Leist, Myrtle Florence who married Harry Anderson, Leona Blanche who married Harley Allen, Cora who married Clifford Allen, and Berman R.

Berman R. married Modie May Rudisill on October 16, 1910, in Pickaway County. To this couple was born Franklin Gale Calvert. Modie died at their home on the John Ritt farm in Washington Township on June 18, 1911, while their son was still an infant. Berman then married Bertha M. Justus, daughter of Isaac and Mary Coakley Justus, on March 2, 1913. Berman died in 1961 and Bertha died in 1967. Both are buried in Harrison Township Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio. Four children were born to Berman and Bertha: Berman Rey, Velma, Doyle and Merryelyn.

Franklin Gale was born March 14, 1911 in Pickaway Township and died January 27, 1979 in Columbus, Ohio. He married Helen Frye on February 22, 1933 in Pickaway County. She was the daughter of Frank and Leona Hinton Shirkey. Gale, as he was known, later married Mary Minerva Hutchison, daughter of Ransford and Lydia Smith Hutchison, on April 11, 1934. She was born September 27, 1907 in Walnut Township. Children of Gale and Mary were James Franklin and Robert Eugene, both born in Ashville, Ohio and Gale David, born in Columbus, Ohio.

Henry & Eliza Calvert with sons (L to R) Berman and Pearl. Daughters (L to R: Cora, Blanche, and Florence.

Berman Rey married Louella Hime and they had four children: Michael who married Elsie Garcia, Daryl who married Tana Ellis and later Dianne Couch, Douglas who married Charlotte Harroll, and Mark who married Michele McClellan. Berman later married Dovey Manning.

Velma married Robert Burtner. They resided in Ashville, Ohio for a time and operated a restaurant there. They adopted two daughters, Lois and Patty. Lois married Donald Hollis and later Al Zardinskas. Patty married John Rush.

Doyle was first married to Reva Smith. She was born March 7, 1925 and died April 30, 1977. Their daughter, Linda Calvert, married Clyde Preast, Jr. and resides in Circleville, Ohio. Doyle later married Jean Hill. She was born in 1927 and died in 1979. Both Reva and Jean are buried in Harrison Township Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio. Doyle is currently married to Mary Katters and resides in Florida.

Merryelyn has been a lifelong resident of Pickaway County. She is retired after 37 years with the Huntington National Bank.

-Submitted by Merryelyn Calvert

ROBERT CAMPBELL

Robert Campbell was born circa 1780. He came to Ross County, Ohio and on 21 April 1808 married his first wife, Nancy Atchison. Their children were: Mary, Isabelle, Samuel A and Joseph. Mary married George Williams on 7 December 1826. Isabelle married William Williams on 11 November 1835. Samuel A. married Mary Ann Owens. Joseph married Sarah Fleming on 9 February 1843. Robert died 24 March 1848 and Nancy died about 1814. Robert was buried at the Owens-Campbell Cemetery in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Robert married his second wife, Mary Polly Davis, in Ross County on 3 November 1814. Mary Polly died 7 July 1828. Robert married his third wife, Sarah Barr, on 31 March 1829. Sarah was the widow of Aaron Sullivan. Robert and Mary Polly had one son, Robert, who was born 2 December 1824 and died 22 May 1916.

Robert and Mary Polly's son Robert married twice. He married his first wife on 1 October 1845, Nancy A. Hanson (daughter of Daniel Hanson) in Pickaway County. Nancy and Robert had the following children: Mary (b. 16 September 1846, d. 17 September 1849); Barbara Hanson (b. 10 February 1849, d. 1 December 1892) who married Martin Schryver; Isabelle Florence (b. 14 March 1851, d. 11 November 1934) who married George Glodgett Rector; Robert H. (b. 20 June 1953, d. 11 November 1875); Emma (b. 4 December 1853, d. 15 March 1941) who married Jacob David Wiggins; Samuel Brumback (b. 24 July 1856, d. 3 March 1857); Nancy Sage (b. 11 July 1858, d. 29 July 1879) who married Owen McDill; and Nellie Alkire (b. 8 January 1861, d. 1 March 1886) who married Thomas I. Creath.

On 22 September 1868, Robert (b.1824) married his second wife, Rebecca S. Westenhaver, who was the daughter of Joseph M. and Mary "Longenbaugh" Westenhaver. Rebecca was born in 1839 and died 19 September 1884. They had the following children: Fannie Campbell (b. 18 October 1868, d. 4 November 1957) who married Charles Fremont Puffinbarger; Jessie F. (b. 3 September 1871, d. 3 December 1971); Wilda (b. 12 June 1873, d. 2 October 1926); Polly "Ollie" (b. 29 November 1875, d. 18 September 1892); Frank W. (b. 1 April 1878, d. 12 December 1932) who married Bessie Tootle; Gracie (b. 1880, d. 8 December 1908) who married William L. Metzger; and Harry White (b. 12 October 1882, d. 25 October 1962) who married Myrtle Smith.

Robert, Nancy, Rebecca, Jesse, Wilda and Polly are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. Frank and Bessie Campbell, Gracie and William Metzger are buried in Brown Chapel Cemetery, Clarksburg, Ohio. Fannie and Charles Puffinbarger and Harry White and Myrtle Campbell are buried in Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Ohio.

-Submitted by Patty (Schein) Weiland

LAWRENCE J. CARLE

Lawrence Jacob "Sam" Carle, the son of Jacob P. and Regina Butt Carle, was born 11-25-24 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Lawrence's siblings were Annabelle (Jack) Lake, Joseph (Mary Ann) Carle, Grace (Warren) Elliott and Agnes (Paul) Jordan.

L to R, Back row: Mike, Tom, Dave and Jim Carle. Middle Row: Donna Findley, Rosemary Kirk, Martha McCoy, Janet Matthews. Font Row: Donald Carle, Dorothy and Lawrence Carle, Pat Carle. Taken 10/5/97. Lawrence & Dorothy's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Lawrence worked on the family farm until December 1944 when he was assigned to Camp Wolters, Texas for Basic Training. Following a furlough he was deployed with The Bushmasters of the 158th Infantry to the Philippines, arriving as the war was ending. Lawrence was then sent to Japan where he remained until his return home 10-1-46.

Lawrence marrie Dorothy May Bumgarner, daughter of Harold and Carrie Nellie Eitel Bumgarner, on 10-1-47. Dorothy's brothers, Richard (Wilda) and Carl (Mary) Bumgarner, reside in Pickaway County. Lawrence and Dorothy's children are David (Clarice), Martha (Randy) McCoy in Pickaway County, Donna Findley, Thomas (Laureen), Janet Matthews, Michael (Mary) in Pickaway County, James (Vera) in Pickaway County, Rosemary Kirk, Patrick and Donald. Grandchildren are Carolyn, Samuel and Daniel Carle, Beth McCoy (Branden) Skaggs in Pickaway County, Eric McCoy, Brad (Tina) Findley, Julie Findley (Kevin) Rack, Matthew, Steven (Beata) and Timothy (Melissa) Carle, Rebecca Carle (Reda) Boustani, Michael (Michelle) and Joseph Matthews, Kathryn Carle (Joseph) Blake, Charles and Sherryl Carle in Pickaway County, Aaron, Sarah, Peter, Steven and Rachel Kirk. Great grandchildren are Logan Skaggs in Pickaway County, Elizabeth and Michael Rack, Kaleb and Tori Findley, Caroline and Juliana Carle, Samantha and Alexander Matthews, Alexxis and Shawn Vanhoose and Ariana Speakman in Pickaway County.

Lawrence and his brother Joseph together farmed the family farm on Alkire Road and Route 22 north of Kinderhook Road until Lawrence and Dorothy purchased the farm on Alkire Road. Joseph and Mary Ann purchased the Route 22 farm.

Lawrence passed away 11-9-04 at his home. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Circleville, Ohio, a member of the National Farmers Organization, the Ohio Farmers Union and the American Legion in Williamsport, Ohio.

Lawrence's great grandparents, Joseph and Caroline Carle, emigrated to the USA in 1853 from Alsace-Lorraine, France, locating in Chillicothe, Ohio then moving to Circleville in 1868. Joseph owned a grocery store on W. Main Street in Circleville until 1878 when he sold the business and the family moved to 459 N. Court Street. Many of the Carle's were born at Catholic Hospital Baden, Germany and lived in Alsace-Lorraine, France.

Dorothy's great, great, great grandfather, Rudolph Baumgartner, came from the Palatinate Region in Germany in 1736 on the ship Princess August settling in Hampshire County, Virginia. Her grandfather, John Eitel, son of George Frederick and Wilhelmina Wilbert Eitel (some records show Wilhelmina Snyder), came to America with his family from Germany 3-30-1882 when he was in his early 20's. The family settled in Wayne Township, first moving to a home on Route 104 then to the home at Route 22 and 104 that in later years was owned by Mildred Schein.

Dorothy's grandparents, Oscar Ellsworth and Catharine Vogal Bumgarner, came to Pickaway County from Pike County in the late 1890's. They were the original owners of the home on the southwest corner of Route 56 and 104.

-Submitted by Martha Carle McCoy

JAMES CARLOS CHANDLER

James Carlos "Jim" Chandler was born at Dixiana, Alabama on November 28, 1930. He died March 2, 2002 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. He is burried in the Harrison Township Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio.

On June 26, 1951 Carlos and Eleanore Naomi Privett were joined in matrimony. Eleanore was born March 12, 1931 in Pennsylvania. She was reared in West Virginia by her adoptive mother.

Children of this union are: James Eugene (b. June 10, 1952) Rockville, Indiana; Jeffrey Lynn (b. April 26, 1955) Charleston, South Carolina Naval Base; Melanie (b. June 26, 1957, d. December 23, 1980) Ardmore Air Force Base, Oklahoma (Melanie is buried in Harrison Township Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio); Joseph Lee (b. November 13, 1962) Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee.

Eleanore Naomi Priuett Chandler and James Carlos Chandler

James married Sharon Kuhlwein on October 26, 1973. They reside in the Hocking Hills, Ohio. They have two daughters: Rebecca Constance (b. October 8, 1976) and Melinda Dawn (b. January 28, 1978). Jeffrey married Cindy Henson (b. May 7, 1968) of Denver, Colorado on February 29, 1992. They live in Jacksonville, Florida. They

have two children: Haley Rhiana (b. December 7, 1992) and Garrett Landon (b. October 7, 1996). Cindy has a son by a prior marriage: Anthony Joseph (b. April 6, 1988). Joseph married Cheryl Myers of Denver, Colorado on May 22, 1992. They live in Logan, Ohio. They have two sons: Matthew Vincent (b. January 16, 1991) and Nathaniel Joseph (b. January 5, 1993). Joe has a daughter, Morgan Taylor (September 19, 1984), from a prior marriage. Joe and Cheryl adopted a precious newborn baby girl, Amanda Rae (b. April 21, 2002).

The Chandler family moved to Pickaway County in 1965 when Carlos was transferred to Rickenbacker AFB from Sewart AFB, Tennessee. He later retired on a service-connected disability from the USAF with a rank of Technical Sergeant. He served in the Korean conflict. He is buried in Harrison Township Cemetery beside Melanie.

Eleanore is retired from the Teays Valley School System where she worked in the high school cafeteria. She also worked several years in the Rickenbacker child-care facility. Currently, Eleanore is a volunteer in the Ashville Elementary School Safety Patrol, a member of the Ashville Area Heritage Society, a Museum volunteer, a good neighbor and friend. She is an active member of the Scioto Chapel United Methodist Church.

-Submitted by Eleanore Chandler

WILLIAM EDGAR CLARK

William Edgar Clark was born February 15, 1898 in Columbus, Ohio, the son of Thomas W. and Mary Elizabeth (Peterson) Clark. William was the youngest of six children born to Thomas and Mary. Around 1905 the family moved to Vinton County where William met and married Blanche Marie Seitz, daughter of John Oliver and Stella B. (Scott) Seitz. William and Blance moved to Amanda Township, Fairfield County, around 1920, and later to Circleville. William and Blance reared 5 children: William E. (stillborn), Ovid (deceased), Mary, Kathleen, and Ronald (deceased).

Ovid Eugene Clark married Ruby Ann Neff, daughter of Rosetta and William Neff of Five Points, Ohio on August 10, 1941 at Cedar Hill United Brethren Church, Fairfield County. During World War II, Ovid joined the United States Navy. After the war they resided in Williamsport, Ohio. He was employed at Texas Eastern and Rockwell International. Ruby worked at R.G. Barry in Columbus, Ohio. They were members of Williamsport United Methodist Church. Ruby passed away in 1971 and is buried in Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Ohio. Ovid passed away in 1983 and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Mary Vivian Clark married Otto "Buss" Guenther and they had three daughters: Ann, Jane, and Nancy. Mary resides in Circleville.

Kathleen Joan Clark married Forrest Hoffman and they have two children: Marsha (Don) Balthaser of Ashville, and Mark (Donna) Hoffman of Circleville. They have four grandchildren: Adam and Ben Balthaser and Beth and Jenna Hoffman.

Ovid and Ruby reared three children: Patricia, Gene, and Roger Clark. Patricia resides in Hebron, Ohio. She has two sons, Thomas and John (Heidi) Christman, and four grandchildren: Jamie, Clark, Bonnie and Scarlet Christman. John and his family reside in Ashville, Ohio. Gene married Lois Shaw and they have two children, Chantal and Christopher, and two grandchildren, Brian and Kaleigh. They reside in South Charleston, Ohio. Roger married Marsha Reynolds and they reside in Ashville, Ohio. They reared two sons, Todd of Sacramento, California, and Kyle (Erin Barr) of Ashville.

-Submitted by Erin Clark

CLENDENING/LUKENS/JOHNSON

Joseph and Mary Clendening were married in 1856. Joseph was born April 21, 1834, in Bedford, Pennsylvania. Mary was born on July 18, 1832. At some point, they moved to central Ohio. Their daughter, Laura Ann, was born on June 20, 1866 in Amanda, Ohio. Joseph died in Circleville, Ohio on August 4, 1916 and Mary died in Circleville on December 14, 1914.

Barton H. and Laura Ann Lukens at 322 S. Pickaway Street around 1937.

Laura Ann Clendening married Barton J. Lukens on December 2, 1894 in Tarlton, Ohio. Barton was born in Williamsport, Ohio on March 13, 1867, the son of Alexander and Mary Catherine Porter Lukens. They first lived on a farm on State Route 159, later moving to Circleville and residing on Pleasant Street. Their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born on May 26, 1898. Barton was a plumber. Following the 1913 flood, he bought a home at 322 South Pickaway Street, Circleville, to be on high ground. He died June 9, 1939.

Mary Elizabeth Lukens married Lawrence John Johnson on August 3, 1918. Lawrence was born in Pickaway County, Ohio on June 22, 1896. He lived on Mill Street, Circleville, Ohio with his parents who had immigrated from London, England and his six brothers. Lawrence was the owner of the Johnson Insurance Agency. He was the treasurer of St. Philips Church, Circleville, for many years. Mary was a graduate of The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Mary was a teacher and the principal of Franklin Street School, Circleville and later Mound Street School, Circleville. She was very active at the Methodist Church, Circleville. Their daughter, Carol Ann, was born late in their lives on September 12, 1939.

Carol Ann Johnson married George William Bowling on June 17, 1961. George was a graduate of Carnegie-Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He was an electrical contractor. Carol Ann was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and the University of Michigan. She was a teacher in the Logan Elm School District, Pickaway County, Ohio. Their daughter, Sheri Lynn, was born on November 20, 1966 in Newport News, Virginia, while George was in the Army. They returned to Pickaway County in 1970. Sheri married Eric Theis on June 17, 1989. Sheri was a graduate of The Ohio State University and Eric was a graduate of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Eric worked for RCA, later Thompson, Circleville. Sheri had an interior decorating business. Their son, Michael John, was born on September 23, 1991. Their daughter, Kayla Ann, was born on May 6, 1993. They lived in the family home at 322 South Pickaway Street, Circleville.

-Submitted by Carol Ann Bowling

CLIFTON BUSINESSES

George R (1857-1913) and Missouri Henman Clifton (1852-1906) who lived on Florence Chapel Road, Muhlenburg Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, had five sons: William Harison (1882-1927), Elmer E. (1884-1958), Edgar L. "Ned" (1886-1967), Turney A. (1889-1956), and Harry E. (1891-1935). George was a farmer and carpenter. The sons attended Frogeye School.

At the time of the father's death (George) in 1913, he was living with his son William Harrison and family in Darbyville, Ohio. His sons Elmer, Ned and Harry lived in Circleville. Turney lived in Yellowbud. The family farm had been willed to William Harrison Clifton who was a well established contractor-builder with instruction to pay Elmer, Ned, Turney and Harry $1,200 each as their shares.

Elmer and Harry formed a partnership: purchased the Edward and Elizabeth Jones Wittich home on West Main Street in Circleville; razed it; and built a wood frame structure to operate a garage. Later as their interests changed and their partnership dissolved, the building housed Funk's IGA store, then Lloyd Wardell's Carpet store. It burned in the Easter fire in 1967; five people lost their lives.

Elmer purchased Dr. Thompson's home and office located on South Court Street next to City Hall. He built a modern masonry and steel building in 1923. It contained a garage, a showroom with shelves on the south walls for auto parts, and a counter for parts catalogues. Also in the showroom Min Lyle sold driver's licenses, George Pherson Bach had a desk for his insurance business and a Plymouth automobile was displayed. Upstairs offices were rented to elected city employees: some were B.T. Hedges, Judge Sterling Lamb, and Pidge Eveland. As a young announcer, Dave Kadel described Pumpkin Show by radio from the upstairs. Some car salesmen through the years were Dewey Speakman, Hildeburn Jones, Donald Watt, and Adrian Yates. Gladys Noggle was the bookkeeper.

Napa Auto Parts located on E. High Street. David Clifton is the present manager.

Harry Clifton opened the Cliftona Theater in 1928. A brick building on West Main Street for the Ford agency and the Pure Oil station on North Court Street were under construction when Harry Clifton met an untimely death in 1935. The Ford agency was completed but under another name. The Pure Oil station was not completed as such.

W. Harold Clifton, son of William Harrison Clifton, joined his Uncle Elmer in October 1933 first as a night man, then as a day employee with an interest in the parts business. Later an addition to the south of the main structure was built to house a machine shop. Clifton Auto Parts moved to its present location on East High Street and affiliated with the National Auto Parts Association (NAPA) in 1950. W. Harold Clifton retired January 1, 1975, as co-founder and manager after 40 years of service. David Clifton, grandson of E.E. Clifton, is the present manager.

Clifton Motor Sales under Jack Clifton, now a Cadillac and Oldsmobile dealership, moved to US 23 south of Circleville. The agency is no longer in operation and was sold to Thompson Motors.

William Harrison Clifton's grandsons (sons of E. Eugene Clifton) are mega farmers and businessmen in Pickaway County. Harry E. Clifton's grandson, Scott, is a real estate developer. George and Missouri Clifton's sons, grandsons, and great grandsons left their mark in Circleville and Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Pauline Clifton

COLLINS FAMILY

My mother was Mazie Celeste Danner. Born 1892, near Adelphi, Ohio, she was one of Charles and RosaBelle Childers Danner's 13 children. On December 13, 1913, she married Austin Lonzo Collins, son of John and Mary Corsin Collins.

To this union, nine children were born. A daughter died of convulsions at two years of age, but Maize and Austin raised their other four sons and four daughters in Pickaway County.

Here in Pickaway County, Austin found work with various farmers in the county. Among those farmers were Edison Crites, Roe Valentine, Ed Schlich, Sam McKindrick, Jesse Thompson, Gene Alkire and Cary Hinton. It was hard work for Austin, and Maize was left to tend the children as her husband worked from daylight to dark to make enough to raise his family.

Mom always had her garden no matter where we lived and she did canning to make sure the family had food in the winter. Moreover, each summer, the blackberry vines were raided to make her delicious blackberry cobblers.

If a farmer was generous, we often got a hog to butcher in the fall. I won't ever forget the taste of fresh sausage, tenderloins and cracklins. We always sugar cured the hams and shoulders because we had only ice boxes in those days.

Like most folk back then we had an outhouse path instead of a bath. We never had electricity until 1941 when Mom bought her first Maytag wringer washer. Before that, she scrubbed our clothes on a washboard and hung them on the line or on the grass to dry.

Margie & Austin Collins and children.

Their last rental was John Bell's farm on old Route 23 North. Around 1950, Mazie and Austin had managed to save enough to buy a home of their own on Walnut Creek Pike. However, in April of 1953, while helping Frank Teegartin on his farm, Austin drove his tractor too close to a ditch, it overturned, pinning him beneath it, and he lost his life. It was a terrible loss to his family as he was only 61 years old.

However, the family continued without him. The two older sons Charles and Edison worked the CCC camps during its early stages of formation, Charles in Yellow Springs, Ohio and Edison in Utah.

Later, two sons joined the military. Russell spent three and a half years during WWII in the South Pacific and became a decorated war hero. John went on to fight during the Korean conflict.

Looking back, I realize it could not have been easy for Mom raising all of us children, moving so much, and losing Dad. After his death, she married Van Smith and lived 22 years with him, always in Pickaway County. It was there she died at age 96 years and five months.

Now, most of the family is gone except for my older sister, but I am blessed with many nieces, nephews and cousins. I, like my mother, have lived my entire life in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Hazel Collins Westbury

EDWARD COLLINS & DESCENDANTS

Edward Collins and his descendants broke, tilled, and tended the rich Pickaway County earth. Edward was born about 1817 in Ireland. It is uncertain when he first came to Pickaway County, but he was living here with his family in 1850. Edward and his first wife, Martha Jane, had six children: Mary Ann, James Henry, William H., John H., Jacob S. and Roseanna Collins. Martha died May 29, 1852. Edward married Margaret Metcalf in December of that same year. It is unclear if this couple had one son, Richard, or if this child was born to Edward and Martha. Edward Collins died in 1880.

James Henry Collins was born January 5, 1843. The farm boy took up soldiering during the Civil War. He volunteered and first served in the 155th Ohio National Guard Infantry. As part of this unit, James performed garrison duties and was likely involved in raiding parties throughout the North Carolina countryside. Private Collins was discharged August 27, 1864. Interestingly, one month later he was drafted, and served in the 78th Ohio Volunteer Infantry for the duration of the war. The 78th marched with Sherman to the sea. James finally went home May 30, 1865. After the war, he continued farming, but suffered health problems related to his military service. James married Lavina Hastings on July 2, 1868. They had 10 children: Margaret J., Emma K., Jacob S., Mary, Joseph C., William E., Richard L., John H., Charles A., and Robert. James and Lavina lived in western Pickaway County until their deaths in 1915 and 1921 respectively.

L to R: Myrl Collins, William E. Collins, and Wert Collins. ca 1937.

William Edward Collins was born March 17, 1876. He married Clara Bell Cox. William and

Clara had seven children: Wert, Robert J., Helen, Gertrude, Ruth, Doris and Myrl. William's farm was between Darbyville, Ohio and Derby, Ohio on London Road. Well-known and liked, he served on the local school board. He died on July 25, 1939. Clara Collins passed away September 5, 1958.

Wert Collins was born January 30, 1897. He joined the US Army during WWI. While at Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, he caught the flu. His toe was tagged and he was covered up for dead. But he didn't die – Wert lived to be 102! His war-time illness resulted in damage to one lung, causing him complications his entire life. Wert married Wanda Fullen on February 13, 1920. They had 11 children: Pauline, Robert, Emerson, Dwight, Betty, Eleanor Belle, Mary Jane, Bill, Helen, James, and Jerry. Wert and Wanda bought a farm and moved the family from Darbyville to Fairfield County, Ohio in 1937. He retired from farming and returned to Pickaway County in 1972. Wanda passed away March 24, 1983. Wert Collins was the last surviving WWI veteran in Pickaway County when he died on May 16, 1999.

Edward Collins has many descendants still living in Pickaway and neighboring counties. He came from Ireland and worked this land with the honesty and grit of the common man.

-Submitted by Evelyn Collins and Barry Weaver

COLLINS/WESTBURY

Hazel Marie Collins was born January 2, 1927, on the Roe Valentine farm outside Circleville, Ohio. Her parents were Austin Collins and Mazie Celeste Danner. Austin was the son of John and Mary Corsin Collins, and grandson of Eli and Catherine Collins. Mazie was the daughter of Charles Henry and Rosabelle Childers Danner, granddaughter of James Henry and Nancy Jinks Danner. James Henry died during the Civil War and is buried in Nashville Military Cemetery in Tennessee. His widow went on to marry Lewis McQuaid.

Hazel grew up on numerous farms in Pickaway County and went to five different schools in the area before quitting high school before graduation. Needing to help the family, she worked as a clerk at the old corner Murphy's Store in Circleville.

In 1949, she met and married Arthur William Westbury, born in Circleville, February 15, 1921, son of Emma VanBuskirk and Robert Westbury. Robert's father, John Westbury, had immigrated to the United States from England about 1872 and settled in Wayne Township. Art's grandfather, Richard VanBuskirk, was taken as a prisoner of war during the Civil War.

Hazel and Art began "housekeeping" in Darbyville, in the little two story next to the old cinema. Art, who had worked for Renick's farms, took on the job of janitor at the Muhlenberg School. They often talk of the nights he stayed late to keep the coal fires stoked in the wintertime or for ball games.

In 1951, Hazel gave birth to a son and in 1954, a daughter, and both children were raised in

Hazel Collins and Arthur Westbury. 1949

Darbyville. Hazel was a stay at home mom and it wasn't until later in life, she took on a custodial job working with her brother, Edison Collins, at Teays Valley High School in Ashville. Over the years, Art went on to work at Orient Institution, and the fence and the glove factories in Mt. Sterling before going to work and retiring from Sweden Freezer in Columbus. He could always be found playing his guitar, working on old cars, or going fishing in his spare time and he had a hand in building half dozen of the houses in Darbyville.

Always a very strong believer in family, Hazel in later years has become the "family historian." With an avid interest in genealogy, she is a living storehouse of family facts and stories, always ready to talk about the times she stayed with Charlie and Rosabelle when she was a teenager, her numerous aunts and uncles, to info on her siblings and in-laws who are no longer living. A cancer survivor, Hazel always has a listening ear, a supporting shoulder, or a smile to anyone who is in need. Always active in the church, Hazel is the last living charter member of the Darbyville Church of the Nazarene.

Art, who moved to Darbyville as a young child, is now the oldest living resident in the town and, in 2004, he and Hazel, grandparents of two grandsons, celebrated 55 years of marriage.

-Submitted by Glenda Westbury Christian

GEORGE H. COLVILLE FAMILY

Dr. George Henderson Colville (b. June 10, 1855 in Jackson County, d. Oct. 25, 1922 in Circleville) came to Circleville around 1880 from Cadiz, Ohio, together with his wife Melissa Garrett Southward (b. October 20, 1859 in Pickaway County, d. August 2, 1945 in Circleville) and his four children. They had one son, Robert, and three daughters – Edith, Lillian, and Helen. All graduated from the old Everett High School. The family lived on East Main Street not far from Court Street, and the doctor had an office in a little house close by. Neither building is there today. During Pumpkin Show, the family had dinners in the basement of the house.

At this time, Circleville only had two M.D.s – Drs. Colville and Courtright. Dr. Colville had an electric car and used to drive it out in the county, making house calls. Often his grandson J. Fred Colville accompanied him.

Dr. George Colville's son Robert Gordon (b. Dec. 27, 1884 in Harrisville, d. Nov. 23, 1964 in Circleville) married Bertha Louise Granewitsch (b. April 11, 1885 in Hamburg, Germany, d. May 19, 1969 in Phoenix, AZ) on June 20, 1910. They had five children: George William (b. July 5, 1911), John Frederick (b. March 19, 1914), Helen Marie (b. May 13, 1916), Elizabeth Ann (b. June 19, 1920), and Jane Louise (b. January 19, 1922). The only one of the five living at this writing is J. Fred, who is 90 years old and living in Springfield, Ohio.

Robert G. Colville was one of the originators of the Pumpkin Show in Circleville and was nicknamed "Mr. Pumpkin Show." He served as Pickaway County Treasurer for many years and was famous for always having an unlit "stogie" in his mouth as he walked the streets of downtown Circleville. During the summers, he traveled the county to church dinners, fish fries, and ice cream socials, where everyone seemed to know him. He, along with most of the other Colvilles and their descendants, is buried in Forest Cemetery. During Pumpkin Show, his grave – located near that of Ted Lewis – sports a pumpkin labeled "Mr. Pumpkin Show."

George W. Colville had one son, Michael; J. Fred Colville had one son, Richard; Elizabeth ("Betty") Colville had two sons, Charles "Tommy" and David, and two daughters, Melissa and Anne. Jane Colville had no children, and Helen Colville had one son, Robert Charles Beckman (b.

Dr. George Henderson Colville and family, Circleville, OH. Robert Gordon Colville (son) holding his son, J. Frederick. Son George Wm. Seated in front. Lillian Colville Lucas holding youngest son, Robert Lucas. John C. Lincoln, seated front holding Richard Lucas. Audley Cassidy holding Helen Colville, daughter of Robert. C. Herbert Lucas holding his middle son, Charles Caroline Cassidy. Back row: Helen Colville Lincoln, Dr. George H. Colville, M.D., Mrs. George H. Colville (Melissa Nee Southward), Edith Colville Cassidy holding her son, Tom. Mrs. Robert G. Coleville.

June 11, 1948, d. September 29, 2002), and one daughter, Judith Anne (b. March 12, 1951).

The descendants of Helen Colville are the only ones living in Pickaway County at this writing.

Helen Colville married New Yorker Charles Frederick Beckman, whom she met at a dance in Circleville when she was a school teacher and he was a dental student at Ohio State University. Helen taught at Atlanta, Darbyville, and Walnut Elementaries. After living in New York, Charlie and Helen relocated to Scioto Township, Pickaway County, opening a commercial lily greenhouse on Walker Road. This business had been started by Charlie's grandfather in New York and was known as Charles Beckman and Son, Wholesale Growers of Lilies. Son Robert Charles Beckman continued the business until his untimely death in an airplane crash. He had married Sandra Kay Sanderson and had two children, Morgan Lee Beckman (b. January 9, 1970) and Mallory Lynn Beckman (b. Dec. 9, 1973). Morgan had one son, Robert Alexander (b. April 15, 2003), and Mallory had one daughter, Bryce Alexa (b. Dec. 21, 1998). Daughter Judith Anne Beckman had two daughters, Anna Jane (b. Jan. 10, 1991) and Helen Alice (b. Aug. 28, 1992).

At this writing, the Colville family descendants living in Pickaway County are Judy, Anna, and Alice Beckman, who live on the family farm on Thompson Road in Scioto Township, and Mallory (Beckman) Hartley and Bryce Beckman, who live nearby on Walker Road.

-Submitted by Judith A. Beckman

CONNELL

Pictured are Brice and Edith (Deyo) Connell. They were born and raised in and around the Mr. Sterling and Derby, Ohio area. They were residents of Derby, Ohio for 51 years.

Brice graduated from Mt. Sterling High School and went on to receive his Bachelors degree in education from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He received his Masters degree in teaching from Ohio State University.

Brice & Edith Connell. November 1976.

Brice began teaching in the Darby Township School District and went on to become principal and then superintendent. In 1958, he retired after thirty-six years.

Brice served as member and president of the Central District High School Athletic Association; along with being a member and president of the State High School Athletic Association for more than 20 years. During this time Brice received the Naismith Award and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, for his contribution to high school basketball.

During his tenure he was clerk of the Darby Township School Board. After his retirement, he served as clerk of the Westfall School Board for a period of ten years.

He was superintendent of the Derby Methodist Church for 51 years, and taught the Young Adult's class. He was also a 32nd degree Mason in the Mt. Sterling Lodge.

He worked at the Harrisburg Bank in Harrisburg, Ohio for two and a half years.

Brice and Edith were the parents of four children: Robynell (deceased) (Carl) Curl, Kathleen (Don) Kolodgy, Emerson (Betty) Connell and Roger (Joyce) Connell. Robynell and Carl had no children. Kathleen and Don's children are: Sharon, Linda and Richard; they have three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Emerson and Betty's children are: Penny and Keith; they have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Roger and Joyce's children are: Rhonda, Rebecca and Robyn; they have six grandchildren.

-Submitted by Roger Connell

AUDRY BLANCHE COOK

Audry was born October 15, 1895 in Yellowbud area to Eliza and Zula (Henry) Cook. She departed this life on October 20, 1939. She is buried at Springbank Cemetery next to her husband.

Audry Cook and Husband William Major McCollister.

She had two sisters: Mrs. Iris (John) Martindale and Mrs. Marlene (Earl) Metzger. One brother, Silas Cook, died in infancy. Two half-sisters from her mother's second marriage to Henry Young, Mrs. Cecil Bennadum and Mrs. Ruth (Homer) Dum who died March 13, 1939.

Audry married William Major McCollister on Jan. 1, 1919 and to this union, they had one son who died in infancy and a daughter Gwendolyn born February 9, 1920.

Gwen married twice, first to her mother's half-sister's husband Homer Dum on February 26, 1940. They had one child, Boyd Rife, born on December 12, 1940.

Boyd married on September 11, 1965 to Marie (Harris) and they had five sons: James, Douglas, Gary Lee, and the twins David and Brian.

Brian married Kimberly Deihl. They had two sons, Mason and Carson who would have been Audry's first great, great grandchildren.

Gwen's second marriage was to Russell Lovenshimer on April 9, 1946. Russ died February 9, 1969 and Gwen died June 18, 1985.

-Submitted by Brian Dum

ELIAS PARKER COOK & MARGARET VIRINA (HARRIS) COOK (CLIFT) FAMILY

Elias Parker Cook was born on January 25, 1861 in Columbia Township, Meigs County, Ohio, the son of Warren Josephus and Clarissa (Wood) Cook. He was one of 12 children. Margaret Virina Harris was born July 9, 1863 in Vinton Township, Vinton County, Ohio near Vales Mills. She was the daughter of John and Jane (Bowen) Harris. Elias and Margaret were married on May 16, 1885 in Vinton County. They moved to the Ashville area in 1892 and soon built a home which still stands today at 544 North Long Street. Elias worked as a farm laborer.

There were 7 children born to this union, six of whom survived to adulthood. They were: Goldie (Harold Stewart), Alfred (Ida Edwards), Claude (Pearl Thompson), Lafe (Carrie Blair), Parker (Lela Arnold), and Roland (Mabel Brown). The children attended the Greenfield School north of Ashville and the Ashville United Brethren Church. Goldie married in 1902 and moved to Vinton County. Elias Cook died a year later on February 7, 1903.

The 1910 US Census shows Margaret as head of the household but with the last name of Shelpman. The census record states she had been married for 5 years. Her husband's name was not listed at the same address. Margaret's occupation was listed as laundress working out of her home. The census record also shows that Alfred and Ida lived with his mother and had been married less than one year. Alfred and Claude's occupations were railroad laborers, and Parker was a farm laborer. Lafe and Roland were not old enough for employment.

A postcard from Goldie to her mother written around 1910 told of abundant harvests and the need for workers in the Midwest. Consequently, Goldie and her husband, then one by one her single brothers moved to Nebraska becoming farmers and ranchers. They met and married Nebraska girls. Margaret also went to Nebraska between 1910 and 1915. She operated a boarding house in Ord, Nebraska for a time. Alfred and Ida stayed behind and began raising their family. Four children were born in Ohio before they went to Nebraska about 1918. Another son was born to them while living in Nebraska.

Margaret married Silas B. Clift at the courthouse in Grand Island, Nebraska on January 14, 1915. The new Mrs. Clift and her husband returned to Ashville within the next 5 years. The 1920 US Census shows Margaret employed as a toiletry salesperson and Clift as a salesman of nursery products.

Roland returned to Ohio with his new bride in 1921 living with Mrs. Clift for a time. He later found work at Buckeye Steel Castings Company

The children of Elias and Margaret Cook. Back: Lafe, Alfred, Claude, Goldie. Front: Roland and Parker.

in Columbus. Roland and Mabel raised six children who were all born in Ashville and remained in the central Ohio area. Goldie stayed in Ord, Nebraska raising 4 children. Lafe moved to McCook, Nebraska where he was a barber. He and his wife raised two sons. Claude had two sons born in Nebraska and in 1933 moved his family to Vancouver, Washington. Both Claude and Lafe served during WWI. Alfred and his family returned to Ashville about 1930. He too found work at Buckeye Steel Castings. Another child was born in Ashville in 1931. All of Alfred and Ida's children remained in the central Ohio area. Parker did not return to the Ashville area until 1937. He and Lela had had 6 children, and the two oldest daughters were married and remained in Nebraska until about 1944. Two additional children were born in Ohio. Parker worked as a carpenter/handyman while Lela cleaned homes and worked at Brinker's (currently The Bus Stop Café). None of Parker and Lela's children returned to Nebraska. Most stayed in Ohio.

Mr. Clift had died in 1928 after falling out of a tree on the Cook property. Mrs. Cook-Clift supported herself by taking in boarders and by selling Watkins Products. She died in January 1950 at the home place. Margaret and Elias, and Silas Clift are buried at the Harrison Township Cemetery in South Bloomfield, Ohio. Elias and Margaret leave an estimated 296 living descendants from the 3rd through the 6th generation.

-Submitted by Sue Cook

1910 Cook Place

FRANKLIN COON FAMILY

Franklin Coon was born in 1831 on the family farm in Madison Township, Pickaway County. He was the son of George and Sarah Cutler Coon. On January 7, 1857 he married his neighbor, Margaret McDavitt. Margaret was born September 23, 1836, the daughter of Levi and Susannah Hott McDavitt.

The Coons migrated to Piatt County, Illinois the same year they were married. They bought a farm that was valued at $1600 in 1860. Their children were: Thomas F. born October 11, 1857, Louisa J. born March 1, 1859 and Jessie Benton born March 27, 1862.

On September 4, 1862 Franklin enlisted in Company K of the 107th Illinois Infantry Regiment. Franklin received a flesh wound to his left hand on May 27, 1864 during a skirmish with enemy forces near Dallas, Georgia. He was sent to the U.S. Army General Hospital in Jeffersonville, Indiana for treatment. While there he contracted typhoid pneumonia and as a result died July 4, 1864.

After Franklin's death Margaret married Edward Wollington May 17, 1874 in Piatt County. The marriage ended in divorce September 11, 1883. Margaret moved to Macon County, Illinois where she married John R. Bailey, a minister, on August 24, 1897. Margaret died May 25, 1920 in Decatur, Illinois.

Thomas married Catherine Ann Hayes in Macon, Missouri in March 1881. They moved to Burlington, Iowa where they raised their nine children. Their children were: Judson L., Robert Franklin, Harry Iowa, Pearl Burlington, John Leroy, James Alvin, Charles Clarence, Hazel Mae and Ruth Blanche.

Louisa (Idie) married Frank Marcella Bonser July 4, 1874. Their children were Nellie, Mona and Beatrice.

Jessie married William Grabill on March 23, 1879 in Piatt County, Illinois. Their children were: Ida Mae born February 8, 1880; Olive who died in infancy; Goldie Pearl born December 26, 1886 and Laura Birdell born June 5, 1889. William had a new/used furniture business in Decatur where he used his dandy pony named Billy to pull a wagon that had quite small wheels. The idea was that he would not have to lift any furniture very high to load it.

Ida Mae Grabill married Daniel Condon. They had no children. Goldie married William C. Hall. Their children were: Inez, Theodore Kenniston, Virginia Elinore, and twins Nancy Caroline and Marjorie Ann.

Franklin Coon. 1862

Laura married Benjamin Thomas Strongman in Springfield, Illinois June 25, 1907. Benjamin, the son of Thomas and Anne Tillings Strongman, was born August 27, 1883 in Williamstown, Wales. He died June 21, 1974 in Decatur. Laura died April 22, 1988 in Decatur. The Strongman children were: William Edward born 1908, Robert Eugene born 1914, Jack Milton born 1917, Benjamin Thomas Jr. born 1921 and Rosemary Jean born 1925.

Jack Strongman married Mary Margaret Burns. Their children were: Larry Lee, Linda Irene, Starleen M., Dreamlet L. and Roseana Marie. Jack and Mary moved from Decatur to Thousand Oaks, California in 1959.

-Submitted by Dreamlet Lamberson

GEORGE COON FAMILY

George Coon, born March 25, 1788 near Romney in Hampshire County, Virginia, arrived in Madison Township in 1806. March 10, 1812 he married Sarah Cutler, born 1787, the daughter of Enos and Mary Cutler. George served in the War of 1812. Dec. 10, 1817 he purchased 77 acres at St. Paul, near Ashville, Ohio. The Coons had seven children. George married Sarah Ann Wilson. Julia married Joseph Dildine and had children George, Julian, and Joseph. John died young. Emily married Noah Cardiff and died in Monroe Township. Luke married Susanna Arndt and had children George, Susan, Sarah, John, Helena, and Jennie. Enos married Mary Shannon and had children George, Neil, Sarah, Enos, Rebecca, and Mary. Franklin married Margaret McDavitt and had children Thomas, Louisa, and Jessie. Enos and Franklin fought in the Civil War and died during service. George, Sr. died Sept. 1, 1846, and Sarah died May 3, 1852.

Sons George and Enos purchased the farm at auction June 1, 1852. After Enos' death in 1863, Gèorge and his family continued farming. George, born June 28, 1818 was married Oct. 19, 1847. Mrs. Coon, who went by Anna, was born Feb. 27, 1824, the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Gordy Wilson. Their first child, Sarah Jane, married Lewis Fridley and had three daughters: Lenora, Alberta, and Anna. Enos married Phoebe Elizabeth Hoover and they had children Katie and James Arthur. John married first Maggie Kelly and they had Charles, Mabel, and Anna. John married second Sidna Beckett. Hannah Catherine married John W. Teegardin, and they

had daughter Florence. Rachel Elizabeth died unmarried from typhoid fever. Clinton married Mary Barrick, and they had daughters Elizabeth and Mildred. Clarence married first Hattie Betts. Second he married Gertrude Powell, and they had son Wilson. George and Anna Coon were St. Paul Lutheran Church members. The couple both died in Feb. 1889 and one funeral was performed, with burial at Reber Hill Cemetery.

George Coon. 1818-1889.
Husband of Sarah Ann Wilson.

In 1897 Enos Cutler Coon, born Aug. 13, 1852, purchased the Harrison Township farm where his wife was raised. Mrs. Coon, born Nov. 26, 1857, was the daughter of Jacob and Ivy Kiles Hoover. Children Katie and Arthur were graduates of Ashville High School. Katie married Frank Reber from Royalton, later moving to a farm in Marion, Ohio. Enos died July 13, 1914, and his wife died Mar. 24, 1927.

February 9, 1910, Arthur, a farmer, married Edna Humble, daughter of Gilbert and Lida Brinker Humble. Arthur was born Aug. 21, 1881, and Edna was born May 4, 1886. Edna and Arthur had children: Helen, George, Donald, Frank and Normagene. Helen, Donald, and Frank never married and lived in the family home their whole lives. Arthur died Sept. 27, 1956, and Edna died Nov. 28, 1960. Helen, a Capital University graduate, died in1973. Donald died in 1979, and Frank in 2003.

George Humble Coon, born Jan. 15, 1914 was a graduate of Walnut Twp. High School and a WWII veteran. On July 10, 1949, he married Ethelyn Burdell Stir at Hopewell Church. She was born Jan. 1, 1914, daughter of Ralph Sr. and Anna Ruth Stir. Their children are Mark and Ruth. Ruth married Edward Eberts, Jr. Their children are Sheila, Robert and Erin. Sheila married Brad Thomas, and they have daughters Kayley and Hannah. Mark Coon married Lisa Sawvel. Their children are Lindsay, Christopher, and Jonathon.

Respected farmers, George and his brothers farmed near Ashville, Ohio as Coon Brothers. The brothers were long time exhibitors of pumpkins, squash, and gourds at the Ohio State Farm and Circleville Pumpkin Show. With his wife, George operated Coon's Farm Market for over 30 years. He served as a director of Ashville Grain Company for 30 years and served on the Ashville Citizen's Bank board of directors 25 years. George died Jan. 20, 1980, and Burdell died Dec. 12, 1995. They are buried at Reber Hill Cemetery.

Normagene Coon married David George Cornwell in Columbus, and their children are Karen and David. Karen married Michael McCoy and had children Michael, Stephen, and Kelly. David married Donna Morris and their sons are Jeremy and Andrew.

-Submitted by Ruth Eberts

ABSALOM COONTZ-ESTHER DECHERT

Absalom Coontz was born 8-11-1811 in Virginia and died 2-1-1891. He moved to Scioto Township, Commercial Point, Pickaway County, Ohio about 1830. On 11-5-1835 by Charles Bell, Justice of the Peace, he married Esther Dechert, daughter of Peter and Margaret Dechert. Esther was born 6-14-1814 in Virginia and died 8-16-1879. Absalom was a farmer and he and Esther built their house on Coontz Road. They are buried at the Presbyterian Cemetery on Walker Road, Pickaway County.

The 1850 census shows Margaret's son, Major John Crow, living with Absalom and Esther.

They had 9 children: Mary Ann was born 11-12-1836 and died 8-21-1852. She is buried at the Presbyterian Cemetery.

John was born 12-8-1837 and died 5-29-1914. On 12-8-1864 he married Maggie Welsh who was born 3-17-1840 and died 5-13-1918. They are buried at the Presbyterian Cemetery. John was a soldier in the 6th United States Cavalry. John and Maggie had one child: William A. born 1-11-1866 and died 2-20-1937. On 9-6-1891 he married Rachel Lerch, who was born 7-27-1866 and died 1-25-1928. They had 8 children: Clyde, Edna Ross, Vera Jenkins, Peter F., Pauline Miller, Oscar Huber, Pansy Gease, and Mary Emma Derflinger. William, Rachel, Clyde, Vera, Peter, and Mary Emma are buried in Concord Cemetery, Grove City, Ohio.

Peter was born 1-11-1839 and married Elizabeth, born in 1837. Their 6 children were: Allen, born 1891; William, born 1894; Mary, born 1895; George, born 1896; John, born 1898; and Absalom, born 1900. Peter was living in Throckmorton, Texas when Absalom died in 1891.

George W. was born in 1841 and died 3-2-1920 in Yakima, Washington. On 2-17-1881 he married Alma Laura Thompson and they moved to Missouri. They had 9 children: Jess, born 1883; Cecil, born 1884; Esther, born 1886; Nellie, born 1888; Ada, born 1892; Nathan, born 1896; Abner, born 1902 and George D., born 1908.

Absalom and Esther Coontz Home Place on Coontz Road. Catherine Crabill Coontz (married to Absolm and Esther's son Walter) and two of her sons John Allen and Jesse. Photo taken about 1912.

Walter was born 1842 and died 4-10-1902. On 8-28-1872 he married Catherine Crabill who was born 3-18-1848 and died 5-4-1918. They are buried at Beckett Cemetery, Commercial Point, Ohio. Their 7 children were: Laura Bell, born 7-29-1873 and died 1-29-1929. On 2-23-1893 she married Littleton Johnson, who was born 3-17-1871 and died 6-11-1943. They are buried at Beckett Cemetery. Jesse was born 1874 and died 9-13-1915. He is buried at Beckett Cemetery. A baby son died in 1875. John Allen was born 12-2-1878 and died 11-22-1934. On 12-31-1912 he married Gertrude England who was born 9-28-1895 and died 11-17-1966. They are buried at Beckett Cemetery.

William W. was born 1878 and died 4-18-1961. He married Elizabeth, who was born in 1885 and died 4-21-1969. They are buried at Sunset Cemetery, Galloway, Ohio. A baby son died in 1883. Emma D. was born 9-6-1884 and died 8-23-1934. On 8-7-1909 she married Edward Murray, who was born in 1882 and died 11-4-1972. They are buried at Concord Cemetery, Grove City, Ohio.

A baby son was born 11-5-1845 and died 12-14-1845. He is buried at Presbyterian Cemetery on Walker Road.

William Jacob was born 1849 and died 1898. He was never married and had no children. He lived in Vanita Indiana Territory but was back in Pickaway County in 1891 when Absalom died.

Margaret E. was born 8-10-1851 and died 12-13-1917. On 8-26-1869 she married Theodore Birkhead, who was born 4-7-1844 and died 3-13-1926. They are buried at Grove City Cemetery, Grove City, Ohio. They had 6 children: George O., born 12-1-1875 and died 5-5-1965. He married Maude, born 3-22-1882 and died 1-27-1987 at 104 years 10 months old. They had 2 children: Howard and Helen Kraft. Howard's 2 children are Barbara Major, Columbus, Ohio and Mary Stewart, Mansfield, Ohio. George, Maude, Howard, and Barbara are buried at Union Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio. Stella Belle was born 8-3-1878 and died 12-26-1969. She married Prentiss Borror who was born 11-7-1878 and died 2-20-1936. They are buried at Grove City Cemetery, Grove City, Ohio. Hetty was born 9-28-1880, Clara was born 6-17-1883, Leslie Absalom (Mart) was born 1-30-1886 and died 9-25-1958. Leslie is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, West Jefferson, Ohio. Jesse was born 10-2-1888.

Perry B. was born 7-18-1857 and died 1-5-1917. He married Melissa Henry on 4-10-1880. Melissa died 3-4-1894. Perry is buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Worthington, Ohio. On 11-5-1914 he married Maria Brooks, who was born

4-1-1862 and died 3-19-1941. Marie married James Harris on 12-21-1920. James was born 1873 and died 7-9-1935.

Melissa and Perry's 5 children were: Chlora E. born 11-11-1881 and died 5-8-1918. She married Charles Rhodes, born 3-24-1882. Chlora is buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Worthington.

Abbie was born 2-13-1883 and died 1-23-1919. On 9-12-1912 she married Leonard Davis who was born 5-24-1892 and died 7-4-1965. Abbie is buried with a son who died in 1914 at Presbyterian Cemetery on Walker Road. Also, a daughter, Wanda Davis Miller.

Frank Cleveland was born 2-16-1885 and died 3-1-1958. Frank married Martha Lewis on 5-22-1909 who was born 2-5-1894 and died 4-27-1981. They are buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Worthington. They had 5 children: William E. born 2-12-1910 and died 8-3-1984. On 5-4-1934 he married Margaret Fraker who was born 10-9-1914 and died 5-26-1980. They are buried at Fairview Memorial, Delaware, Ohio. Their two children are: William A. Coontz who resides in Canal Winchester, Ohio and Sandra Coontz Shough who resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Ruth was born 1-27-1913 and died 12-3-1987. On 8-7-1932 she married Raymond Townsend who was born 1908 and died 7-24-1969. Second husband was Albert Fisher, born 8-27-1907 and died 12-20-1979. They are buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Worthington.

Helen was born 1-9-1916 and died 9-6-1981. On 6-11-1931 she married Wray Wickline who was born 9-6-1910 and died 5-9-1974. They are buried at Blendon Central Cemetery, Westerville, Ohio.

Dorothy was born 5-2-1927 and married Garnold Townsend, Carl Shaw, and Robert Townley. Robert was born 5-26-1920. They reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Freda was born 11-6-1930 and married Edward Townley on 8-7-1948. Edward was born 8-30-1927. They reside in Westerville, Ohio.

Sarah Ann was born 7-24-1887 and died 11-10-1967 and is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Lancaster, Ohio. She married McCelland Keller on 10-11-1910. McCelland was born 12-7-1865 and died 2-26-1946. Her second husband Joseph Freel was born 3-15-1870 and died 6-22-1945. They are buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster, Ohio. Their 5 children were: Emma born 1-10-1912 and died 6-1-1957. She married Virgil Cottrill on 9-2-1933. Virgil was born 3-25-1912 and died 12-12-1974. They are buried at Forest Rose Cemetery, Lancaster. Ida was born 2-18-1914 and died 6-28-2004. She married Harold E. Cowdery on 10-22-1939. Eugene was born 11-21-1914 and died 11-12-1982. They are buried at Randolph Cemetery, Reedsville, Ohio. Mary was born 4-13-1916 and died 11-13-1984. She was married to Arthur Frigley who was born 3-18-1906 and died 1-15-1997. Marie Gladys was born 2-18-1921 and died 12-5-1990. She married Boivin Vorys in 1942. Boivin was born 5-23-1921 and died 8-18-1972. They are buried at Pleasantville Cemetery, Pleasantville, Ohio.

Frank Brace was born 4-20-1924 and died 8-21-1999. He married Avanell on 6-22-1950. Avanell was born 1-29-1924. He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Ada, Ohio. Avanell resides in Ada, Ohio.

Dora Mae was born 6-5-1892 and died 9-24-1977. Dora married Sheridan Boyer on 8-23-1910. Sheridan was born 7-25-1890 and died 3-23-1952. They are buried at Maple Hill Cemetery, Stoutsville, Ohio. Their 4 children were: Mary E. who was born 4-25-1912 and died 1-31-1990. She married Arthur Henthorne who was born 3-12-1909 and died 1-26-1977. They are buried at Glen Rest Cemetery, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Ellsworth was born 12-20-1913 and died 11-16-1934 and is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery, Stoutsville. Wayne was born 11-26-1915 and married Lucille on 11-2-1940. Lucille was born 11-8-1917. They reside in Groveport, Ohio. Lelah Belle was born 11-5-1917 and died 10-18-1989. Lelah married Leonard Paul Forgery who was born 2-21-1913 and died 11-5-1985. They are buried at Dutch Hollow Cemetery, Amanda, Ohio.

Absalom Coontz is a brother to Anthony and Elizabeth Coontz Lentz. Esther and Rebecca (Dechert) Coontz are sisters. There are descendants of Absalom and Esther in Ohio and various states.

-Submitted by William and Jackie Coontz

ANTHONY COONTZ – REBECCA DECHERT

Anthony Coontz was born in Virginia 1-18-1801. He was a farmer and around 1825, he was one of the first settlers of Scioto Township, Pickaway County, Commercial Point, Ohio. He died 11-16-1856. He married Rebecca Dechert, daughter of Peter and Margaret Dechert on 9-13-1827 by James Miller. Rebecca was born 5-28-1804 in Virginia and died 10-22-1865. They built their house on Coontz Road on land given to them by her father. They are buried at Presbyterian Cemetery, Commercial Point, Ohio. They had 7 children. Margaret was born 7-26-1828 and died 8-2-1887. On 9-22-1846 she married James A. Beckett, born in Virginia on 9-8-1820 and died 9-11-1846. James's father, Wiley H. Beckett established, in 1844, the first store in Commercial Point. They are buried at Beckett Cemetery, Commercial Point, Ohio. They had 3 children: Ellen born 1848, John E. born 10-22-1852 and died 5-6-1938. He married Ermina, born 10-8-1856 and died 3-17-1946. They are buried at Beckett Cemetery. Clara was born 5-19-1855 and died 5-2-1921. Clara married John Peters on 1-21-1875, born 10-27-1847 and died 1-11-1928. They are buried at Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Jessie was born 5-11-1830 and died 2-21-1861. On 1-2-1855 he married Rachael Graham born in1840. They had 4 children: Otice, born 1855 and died 1856, Baby 1857 died 2 months 1857, Permelia, born 1858 and Willis J., born 12-26-1859 and died 7-1-1937. Willis J. married Kate Stage on 9-25-1884, born 6-4-1860 and died 4-13-1946. They are buried at Beckett Cemetery.

William, born 1832, married Mildred, born 1840. They moved to Illinois and then to Missouri. They had 10 children: Emma 1863 and Jesse 1865 were born in Illinois. The other 8 were born in Missouri: William, 1867; Mary, 1868; Charles, 1870; Clara, 1872; John, 1874; Margaret, 1875; Harry, 1876; and James, 1878.

Peter, born 10-15-1837 and died 9-13-1848 is buried at Presbyterian Cemetery, Commercial Point, Ohio.

Elizabeth, born 4-14-1840 and died 3-11-1908, married Oliver Brant and they lived in Iowa. They had 3 children: Charles, born 1868 and died 1917, Mary and Lillie.

Rachael, born January 1843 and died 10-2-1852 is buried at Presbyterian Cemetery, Commercial Point, Ohio.

Anthony Polk, born 11-16-1846 and died 10-13-1925. Anthony married Cynthia Newlin 2-20-1873. All 12 of their children were born in Iowa. On 8-27-1896, Charles K., born 1873, married Effie Nora Davis, born 1872. Jesse S., born 1875 married Harriet Alice. Hattie, stillborn 1878. Jesse was a doctor in Iowa. Henry Lee, born 1877 married Susie Sears, born 1867. Jacob E., born 1879 and Edgar O., born 1880. Edgar was a school teacher. Sarah R., born 1882, married MT Barr. Melvin Floyd, born 1884. Durbin Bliss, born 1886, married Lena B. Trisler, born 1891, William Ivan, born 1888, Roland Pearl, born 1891, Archie, born 1894, and Olive B., born 1896 married Lawrence Barry.

Anthony Coontz is a brother to Elizabeth (Coontz) Lentz and Absalom Coontz. Rebecca and Esterh (Dechert) Coontz are sisters. They are descendants of Anthony and Rebecca in Ohio and various states.

-Submitted by Sandy (Coontz) Shough

ELIZABETH COONTZ – ERHARDT LENTZ

Elizabeth Coontz was born 12-30-1802 in Virginia. Elizabeth died in Commercial Point, Scioto Twp., Pickaway Co., Ohio on 8-27-1847. Elizabeth is buried at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Commercial Point, Ohio. She married Erhardt Lentz on 11-14-1825 in Hardy Co., Virginia. Erhardt was born in Stuttgard Wurtemburg, Germany on 1-2-1797 and died 3-5-1873. Erhardt is buried in Lentz's Cemetery in Decatur Co., Iowa. In 1815 at the Battle of Waterloo, Erhardt was the drummer boy. The battle was fought between France and England and was Napoleon's first and only defeat.

They had 5 children. Henry William, born 1-25-1825 in Hardy Co., Virginia and died in Washington in 1908. Henry married Mary Ann, born in Ohio, January 1825 and died 2-13-1885 in Marion, Mo. Jacob Lewis, born 7-14-1829 in Hardy Co., Virginia and died 5-1-1891 in Woodland Top., Decatur, Iowa on 10-10-1850 in Darbyville, Scioto Twp., Pickaway County, Ohio. Jacob married Jane Beavers. She was born 9-3-1833 in Scioto Twp., Pickaway Co., Ohio and died 8-26-1905 in Woodland Twp., Decatur Co., Iowa. Solomon C., born 1-15-1832 and died 5-18-1858 in Decatur, Iowa. In

1855 Solomon married Mary Ann Riddle, born 11-7-1835 in Highland Co., Ohio. Mary died 9-7-1936 at Siam, Taylor Co., Iowa. Elizabeth A., born 1835 in Hardy Co., Virginia and died 3-19-1905 in Decatur Co., Iowa. She married Jefferson Baker, born 1824 in New York. Jefferson died 6-20-1890 in Decatur Co., Iowa. Frederica, born in Scioto Twp., Commercial Point, Pickaway Co., on 2-28-1843. Frederica died on 3-15-1914 in Woodland Twp., Decatur Co., Iowa. Frederica married George Rains 10-10-1861 in Iowa. George, born 2-22-1839 in Highland Co., Ohio and died 10-6-1906 in Woodland Twp., Decatur Co., Iowa. Elizabeth and Erhardt moved to Pickaway Co. after 1835. After Elizabeth's death, Erhardt remarried and moved back to Decatur Co., Iowa. There are Lentz descendants living in Ohio, Iowa, Colorado and other states. Elizabeth Coontz Lentz is the sister of Anthony and Absalom Coontz.

-Submitted by B.J. Shouh

Elizabeth Coontz and Erhardt Lentz. Taken after 1825.

COOPER

John Edward Cooper, II, and Krista Michelle Agin, were married on June 9, 1990, at the Circleville Church of the Nazarene by Pastor Calvin Alexander and Pastor William G. Hill. John is the son of John Edward Cooper and Christine Louise Warner Cooper, both originally from the Charleston, West Virginia areas and Krista is the daughter of Terry Dean Agin and Carolyn Ruth (Greenlee) Agin, both of Circleville, and the granddaughter of the late Carl Manford Agin and Mary Lorena (Turner) Agin of Circleville, originally of Woodsfield, Ohio, and the late Gaylord Greenlee and Mary Ann (Stapleton) Greenlee Struckman of Circleville.

John and Krista are the parents of Kassandra Michelle Cooper, born November 17, 1991; Kortney Elisabeth Cooper, born October 19, 1993; and Konner Thomas Cooper, born July 7, 2004. John is a graduate of Logan Elm High school and Hocking Technical College, Nelsonville, Ohio, and is a senior developer analyst for The McGraw Hill Companies, Columbus, and Krista is a graduate of Circleville High School, and is a legal secretary for Steely Law Office, Circleville. John, Krista and their son, Konner, are "Berger Babies", all three having been born at Berger Hospital, Circleville.

-Submitted by John Edward Cooper II

CHARLES A. CORDLE FAMILY

Charles A. Cordle was born June 24, 1926 at Ashland, Kentucky. He is the son of A. Alfred Cordle and Ann Lykins. Alfred and Ann are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery at Louisa, Kentucky.

Charles went to a one room school at Wilbur, Kentucky in Lawrence Co. He arrived in Ashville, Ohio on a Norfolk and Western passenger train, July 26, 1942. The reason for coming to Ashville was to work at Crites Canning Factory. This was his first job. He next worked at Oman Bakery, Columbus, Ohio. Staring in 1943, he worked at David Packing Company, Columbus, Ohio, until their closing, November 1969. Charles then got a job at Lockbourne Air Base, Ohio, in the Commissary Meat Department in 1970. In 980, the base was deactivated and became Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base with the commissary closing that December. That January 1981, Charles became a Department of Defense Police Officer at Rickenbacker until his retirement, July 2, 1988. He has been a member of The Ashville Area Heritage Society since soon after it was organized and volunteer worker and tour guide at the museum.

Charles married December 1, 1946 in Ashville, Ohio to Cleora Marie Myers, born September 3, 1928 in Ashville, daughter of William and Rosa Payne Myers. They still live in Ashville as do their 3 children: Carol Ann, born May 24, 1949 in Circleville, married June 13, 1964 in Clintwood, Virginia to Donald Harry (Butch) Webster, born October 29, 1946 in Columbus, Ohio. Charlene Marie, born September 18, 1951 in Circleville, Ohio married December 1, 1971 in Ashville to Charles Edward (Chuck) Malone, born March 13, 1947 in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and Charles Alfred Jr., born July 18, 1957 in Circleville, married September 16, 1980 in Circleville, Ohio to Rose Marie Russell, born August 8, 1958 in Circleville, Ohio.

Charles and Cleora also have 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren all living in Pickaway County. Donald Harry (Donnie) Webster Jr., born January 16, 1965 in Circleville, married June 13, 1992 in Ashville, Ohio to Joyce Lynn Hamilton, born May 24, 1969 in Zanesville, Ohio. They have 1 daughter, Blaike Madison, born December 18, 1992 in Columbus, Ohio. Twila Marie Webster, born August 9, 1968 in Circleville, Ohio, married August 1, 1987 in South Bloomfield, Ohio to James Elmer (Jimbo) Brady, born January 4, 1969 in Columbus, Ohio. They have 3 children: Scott Andrew (Scotty), born September 16, 1985 in Chillicothe, Ohio, Kayla Ann, born December 3, 1989 in Columbus, Ohio, and Nathaniel Celtic, born July 29, 1991 I Columbus, Ohio. Christina Marie Malone, born May 23, 1973 in Circleville, Ohio, married August 14, 1994 in South Bloomfield, Ohio, to David Gene Jordan, born January 31, 1973 in Columbus, Ohio. They have 2 children: Hannah Marie, born January 11, 996 in Lancaster, Ohio, and Christopher David Jordan, born March 2, 2000 in Lancaster, Ohio. Craig Michael Malone, born September 16, 1978 in Circleville, Ohio, married July 24, 2004 in Ashville, Ohio to Kristi Lynn Gregory, born November 30, 1979 in Circleville, Ohio. Charles Michael Cordle was born February 19, 1981 and Ryan Russell Cordle was born June 20, 1985, both in Chillicothe, Ohio.

-Submitted by Charles Cordle

Dec. 2, 2001. Charles Cordle Family. Kneeling: Charlene Marie Cordle Malone with Christopher David Jordan. "Jimbo" James Elmer Brady with Nathaniel Celtic Brady leaning on his back. "Scotty" Scott Andrew Brady, "Butch" Donald Harry Webster. Row two: Christina Marie Malone Jordan with Hannah Marie Jordan. Carol Ann Cordle Webster, Joyce Ann Hamilton Webster with Blaike Madison Webster. Back row: Kristi Lynn Gregory, David Gene Jordan, Craig Michael Malone, "Chuck" Charles Edward Malone, "Donnie" Donald Harry Webster, Jr., Charles Alfred Cordle, Jr., Cleora Marie Myers Cordle, Ryan Russel Cordle, Charles Alfred Cordle, Jr., Rose Marie Russle Cordle, Kayla Ann Brady, Charles Michael Cordle, Twila Marie Webster Brady.

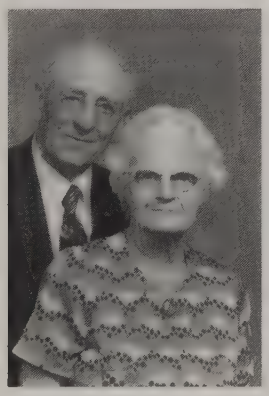
DONALD P. COURTRIGHT

Jesse D. Courtright was born 1811 in Bloom Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He married Sarah Stout in 1831. She was born in 1808 and died in 1881. In 1834 he moved to Walnut Township. He was a big land owner and farmer in Pickaway County. He was an elected official and served in the Ohio State Legislature. He and his family attended the Presbyterian church. He was a member of the Democratic party and was a member of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Courtright prospered and was able to leave each of his nine children farm land in Pickaway County. His children were: John, George S., Edson, Samuel W., Sarah, Jane, Elizabeth, Alva Paul, and Amanda.

Jesse's son, George S., became a physician. He had a practice in Lithopolis, Ohio. He served with General Burnsides in the army and accompanied him on an expedition against the Indians. The commander he served under was Kit Carson. George S. was the surgeon for the

group. Articles have been published about his ventures with General Burnside.

George married Cora Stevens. Her father was also a surgeon. George and Cora had a son, Jesse S. who married Evalena Pontius. To this union were born 6 children. Their first son, George, drowned in the Scioto River during a graduation party. His brother Donald nearly drowned trying to save him. The other children were: Donald, Anna (Hedges), Bertha (Clellan), Helen (Beck), Mary (Doherty) and Jesse E. (Jim). Jim is the only one of these children still living at this writing.



Donald P. and Grace Courtright.

Donald was born in 1896. He married Grace W. Miller in 1918. (Information on the Miller family can be found elsewhere in this volume). Donald was a dairy and grain farmer. His farm was located on Rt. 316, west of Ashville, Ohio. Artifacts from his creamery can be seen in the village museum in Ashville.

His wife, Grace attended Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, obtaining her degree in Home Economics. In 1917 she taught at Jackson High School. After her marriage she remained at home and became a wonderful mother and homemaker. She was a great baker and loved taking care of her children. Donald and Grace made sure that their children had opportunity to succeed. They attended the Methodist church in Ashville. Grace had a drivers license, but her parents were killed in a tragic auto accident involving the interurban railroad in Ashville and after that time she never drove again. Their children were: Ruth (Hugh Miller), Robert (Dorothy Schludecker), Charlotte (Harry Rife), Donna (Gervaise Peters), Barbara (Edwin Leifheit), George William (Patricia Metzger), and Carolyn (Chester Peters (died) and Benis Lutz).

Ruth worked at the Ohio State University in the registrar's office. Charlotte graduated from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio and taught at Teays Valley High School, Ashville, Ohio. Donna was a graduate of Ohio University. Barbara graduated from Lancaster Hospital School of Nursing, and Carolyn also graduated from Ohio University and taught at Teays Valley High School. Robert served in the U.S. Army during World War II and returned to the home to work on the farm with his father. Robert and his wife were the parents of 7 children. George William was also a farmer and was the manager of Producer's Livestock in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Carolyn had 2 children, Karen and Richard (Rick). Karen, born in 1953, married Michael Snyder. She is a graduate of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, with a business degree and is currently living in Springfield. Rick was born in 1956 and is a graduate of Ohio State University. He has his Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio. He is the president of The International Society of Manufacturing Engineers and travels worldwide with this position.

-Submitted by Carolyn Lutz

GEORGE WASHINGTON COX

(1868-1950)

George was the son of James and Elizabeth Stump Cox born on Sept. 6, 1868, near South Perry in Hocking County. Later his family moved to Saltcreek Township in Pickaway County on Punkin Ridge Road now called the South Perry Road. He was united in marriage to Ellen Weaver, daughter of Levi and Sarah Weaver on October 14, 1898. To this marriage was born four sons and one daughter: Earnest, Samuel, Russell, Johnny and Ethel. His wife, Ellen, died February 1, 1924, leaving him to finish raising their children; Johnny, the youngest, was 13 at the time.

Seated George Washington Cox. His children left to right: Johnny L., Russell, Ethel Marie Cox Hunt, Earnest and Samuel Allen Cox. Taken at Ethel's home on Moccasin Road, Saltcreek Twp.

George was a farmer in Saltcreek Township and owned land on the South Perry Road, Armstrong Road, and on Moccasin Road where he resided with his daughter Ethel and her husband Edison Hunt before they moved to Laurelville, four years before his death.

After giving up his beloved animals on the farm, he still managed to keep a few chickens in Laurelville. He died suddenly of a heart attack in the chicken house on December 28 1950. He and his wife Ellen are buried in Tarlton Cemetery.

Ernest Cox married Clara Julian and had five children: Ralph, Evelyn, Leonard, Bernadine and Lawrence. Clara died in 1976 and Earnest in 1978. They are buried in Bethany Cemetery in Hocking County.

Samuel Cox was never married. He died in 1978 and is buried in Tarlton Cemetery.

Russell Cox married Leona Ross and after her death he married Billie Sexton and had six children: Ella, Bonnie, Tom, Sue Ann, Cheryl and Sally. Russell died in 1967 and is buried in Green Summit Cemetery, Adelphia, Ohio. After Russell's death, Billie married Fred Fee Jr. who became a father to Russell's and Billie's small children. Fred was the owner of Fees' Fruit Orchard on County Line Road near Stoutsville. Fred died in 1995 and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

Ethel Cox married Edison Hunt and they had an adopted son Gary. Ethel died in 1953 and Edison in 1982 and are buried in Tarlton Cemetery.

Johnny married Mabel Davis and had three children: Wanda, Ruth and George. Johnny worked for the Defenbaugh Funeral Home in Tarlton, farmed, and was an employee of Eshelman's Mill in Circleville. Mabel Cox died from the result of an automobile accident on December 11, 1994, and Johnny died November 19, 1995, from a heart ailment. They are buried in Tarlton Cemetery along with their son, George, who died in 1970 at the age of 25.

Ruth Cox married Dallas Dingess and have a son Charles (Andy) and he and his wife April have two sons, Jonathon and Joshua and all live in Chillicothe, Ohio.

This is being submitted by George W. Cox's granddaughter, Wanda Cox Hartranft, wife of David Hartranft, son of Roy and E. Viola Rhymer Hartranft, and we reside in Pickaway County on Route 159 near Tarlton. We are the parents of six children: Timothy, Tracy, Thomas, Teryl, Trina, and Trent. Those living in Pickaway County are Tracy (Tammie), Teryl Seitz and son Dustin, Trina (Andrew) Wright and Trent (Shannon) and sons Dylan and Owen Hartranft.

-Submitted by Wanda Hartranft

JOHN ADAM CREUTZ, CREITZ, CRITZ, CRITES FAMILY

John Adams Creutz/Creitz, the son of John and Dorothea Creutz, was born in Germany, September 13, 1737. He came to this country in 1753 and settled in what became Albany Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania. John Adam Creutz married Anna Catharina Schmitt in 1762. John Adam Creutz was a Revolutionary War soldier

Ned R. Young at the grave of John Adam Creutz, his 4th great-grandfather in New Bethel Church Cem. Berks Co., PA. 1997

and his record can be found in the Pennsylvania archives, 5th series-Vol. VIII, Page 504, served as Pvt. 2nd class, beginning in 1772 through 1788.

John Adam is listed in Lynn Township, Pennsylvania as a farmer and weaver with 275 acres of land. John Adam and wife Catharina are buried in the New Bethel Church Cemetery, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Their children were John Daniel, John, George, Jacob, Adam, Christian, Samuel, Henry and Catherine.

John Daniel Creitz/Critz was born May 21, 1778 in Lynn Township, Northhampton County, Pennsylvania. He married Catharine Petrie, born November 6, 1779, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Children born in Berks Country were Reuben, Samuel, John, Julianna, Charles and Cyrus. In 1812 this family came by covered wagon to Pickaway County, Ohio, Salt Creek Township, and settled on their 100-acre farm. John Daniel served in the War of 1812. Five children were born to this family in Salt Creek Township: Amos, Levi, Catherine, Jacob and Elias. John Daniel was a farmer and worked at the weaving trade. John Daniel and Catharine are buried in Stump's Cemetery in Salt Creek Township.

Amos Crites, born 1813, Salt Creek Township, married Priscilla Aldenderfer, born 1817, who was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Reichelderfer) Aldenderfer. Amos was a farmer and weaver and did not speak English. Their farm was south of Dutch Hollow, East of Circleville, Ohio in Fairfield County. Their children were David, Sarah, Malinda and Mary. Amos and Priscilla are buried in the Dutch Hollow Cemetery, Fairfield County.

David Crites, born 1844 Amanda Township, Fairfield County, married Mary Myers, born 1845, daughter of Thomas Myers. David was a thresher, lumberman and farmer. Many homes and barns were constructed with lumber from the Crites Sawmill. Their children were Harley Albert, Elmer, Carrie and Mary. David Crites and Mary are buried in Dutch Hollow Cemetery.

Harlen Albert Crites, born 1872 Amanda Township, Fairfield County, married Melzine Stebelton, born 1869, daughter of Noah and Elizabeth (Dickson) Stebelton. Harley Albert, or H.A. as he was well known, followed the footsteps of his father as a thresher, lumberman and farmer. During World War II Crites cut and sawed some of the last virgin white oak timber standing in Fairfield County as directed by the U.S. Navy for use in the shipyards. H.A. Crites and Melzine raised two children: Mildred Leona and Frank W. Crites. H.A. and Melzine are buried in the Dutch Hollow Cemetery.

Mildred Leona Crites was born August 9, 1895 in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, and married Herbert Young, born September 15, 1890, in Amanda Township. Their children were Geraldine E., Ned R., Victor H., Joe F., David A. and Janet S. Mildred Leona, or "Lee" as she was known, was a cook for the Amanda School, Amanda, Ohio. Herbert Young operated a Ford garage in Amanda, Ohio from 1916 until 1931. Herbert and Mildred Leona Crites Young are buried in Dutch Hollow Cemetery.

Ned R. Young was born in Amanda, Ohio on December 31, 1919 and married Rebecca Jeanne Leist, born May 20, 1921, the daughter of Albert C. and Grace May (Woolever) Leist of Pickaway and Fairfiled Counties. Ned R. is a member of all Masonic Bodies of Pickaway County and the Sons of the American Revolution. Rebecca J. is a member of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Ned R. and Rebecca J. have three children: Ronald Richard, born December 2, 1939, a retired Electrical Engineer of the General Electric Company and resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia; Rosalyn Carole, born July 29, 1943, I works for the Veterans Hospital and resides near Chillicothe, Ohio; Patricia Louise, born October 16, 1947, a school administrator and resides in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Ned R. Young served in the U.S. Navy in World War II, Electrician Mate First Class and is a retired senior electrical design engineer of Abbott Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio. Ned R. and Rebecca J. reside in Circleville and have many records of the Crites, Young and Leist families.

-Submitted by Ned Young

CROMLEY HOMEPLACE

The brick house, built in Walnut Township in 1803 alongside many natural springs and a creek, has outstanding walnut woodwork throughout the home, including many doors, and 8 fireplace mantles. Catherine Cromley Conner, sixth generation, is currently (2004) residing there and restoring the home. The house has been home to 7 generations, and has had 3 additions over a period of 200 years.

Grandad William, of course, died during these years. It was an unusually warm spring week in April. His wake was held on the front porch where he was packed in ice from the ice house on the creek. As the time went on and the day warmed, the front porch had an "odor problem". This was solved by moving the casket to the "New Grainery" for the funeral. The grainery had front and back drive-through doors.

In 1870, William Cromley, gave the Norfolk and Western Railroad access through the east side of the farm. This rail system bordering on the town of Ashville, Ohio was for the improvement of commerce. Throughout the years numerous parcels of land were gifted to the town; for a school, housing, streets and later a city sewage system.

Thaddeus E. built a bridge over Walnut Creek. This bridge had hay and grain storage also. It was washed away in the flood of 1913.

In the meantime, a county road was needed and T.E. gave the right-of-way and land for what is now known as Cromley Road.

The farm has been split through inheritances; however, most of the land is still being tilled and is still in the family.

-Submitted by Catherine Cromley Conner

THADDEUS EDWARD/
THADDEUS LEROY CROMLEY FARMS

Thaddeus Edward was born of William and Sarah Staige Cromley in 1843. Over the years, William and his son, Thaddeus Edward, farmed, raised cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses, and corn, wheat, barley, and hay crops.

Thaddeus Edward graduated, Phi Beta Kappa, from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He returned to farming in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, and married Mary Rebecca Millar of the adjoining farms to the west and bordered by the Scioto River.

Mary Rebecca and Thaddeus E. had 7 children: Alva, William, Charles, Thaddeus LeRoy, Amy, Marie and Metta. During those years, Thaddeus became an Ohio Congressman and Senator, serving many terms and also serving on the Ohio Board of Agriculture. At this time, Reynoldsburg Research, (Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center), Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and its main building were built with Thaddeus E. being instrumental in the construction. The Cromley Farm was used for early research on hog cholera.

When Thaddeus E. went to the Statehouse for sessions, he would board a canal boat at Millport and sleep through the night and be in Columbus, Ohio the next morning. In the meantime, two of his sons, William and Thaddeus L., would race the horses and two Phaetons to Columbus and spend the night and leave a horse and buggy for their father's transportation while in Columbus.

Thaddeus LeRoy and his brother-in-law Glen Nickerson (Amy's husband) founded the Circleville Oil Company. Brothers, Charles, Thaddeus LeRoy and William also founded the Ashville Grain Company and The Citizen's Bank of Ashville.

-Submitted by Ann Elizabeth Conner

CUMMINS FAMILY

Born in 1785 in Fairfax County, Virginia, William Cummins, a veteran of the War of 1812, married his wife Mary in 1809. The family migrated to Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in the early teens. They had eight children: Sidner B., Mary Ann, William, George F., John, James, Francis and Edward W. William died on September 18, 1851 and Mary died on May 24, 1875. Both are buried at Reber Hill Cemetery in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Sidner Walter Cummins 1866-1948

Sidner B. was born on June 11, 1818, a farmer in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and a substitute teacher, married Eliza M. Wright on March 4, 1849 in Franklin County, Ohio. Sidner and Eliza had nine children: Susan R., Jacob W., Harriet, Sidner W., Arthur, Frank, Mary A., Joseph and Martha. Sidner B. died March 4, 1876 and Eliza M. died June 30, 1899. Both are buried at Reber Hill cemetery in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Sidner W. was born in 1866 and married Clara

Belle Barker on May 15, 1887. They both were farmers and had six children: Lewis M., Nellie E., Herbert A., Harold V., Lydia and Walter. Sidner W. died January 7, 1949 and Clara Belle died March 5, 1931. Both are buried at Reber Hill Cemetery in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Their home in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, was thought to be one of the first to be electrified outside the village of Ashville, Ohio.

Herbert A. was born January 26, 1891 and married Clara A. Kuhlwein, November 27, 1915. Herbert and Clara were farmers and also operated the Scioto Trail Dairy in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Herbert and Clara had four children: George S., Robert A., Richard R., and Ralph E. Both Herbert and Clara are buried at Harrison Township Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio.

George S. was born July 27, 1918 and married Helen L. Boyer on October 3, 1940. George was a veteran of the South Pacific in World War II and served on board LST #593 in the U.S. Navy. George worked for Omar Bakeries in Columbus, Ohio and the Chillicothe, Ohio branch. He also worked for the U.S. Air Force at Lockbourne Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio. George transferred to the U.S. Postal Service in Ashville, Ohio, from where he retired. George and Helen had one child, Michael. Both are buried at Harrison Township Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Michael was born September 29,1942 and married Linda M. McNeely on May 31, 1968 in Columbus, Ohio. Michael and Linda had three children: Elizabeth H., Cheryl L., and Michelle M. Michael worked at Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio and The Department of Veterans Affairs in Chillicothe, Ohio from where he retired in 2004. Michael was an Army veteran and served in the Army Reserves for ten years. Michael and Linda's children reside in Pickaway and Fairfield Counties and they have five grandchildren: Sydney and Samual Allen, Leslie and Travis Rhodes, and John Stiver.

-Submitted by Michael Cummins

EDWARD (ENOS) CUTLER

Enos Cutler emigrated from England to Virginia in 1809 and then to Madison Township in Pickaway County. He bought a portion of Section 25 in Harrison Township which he farmed and improved. Asbury Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church and cemetery are located on land he donated. Enos married Mary and they had children: James, Enos, John, Rachel, Sarah, Nancy, and Susan.

James, who served in George Gibson's Company during the War of 1812, was killed in Columbus. Enos, born in 1791 in Virginia, married Rebecca Coon, born 1794 and a sister of George Coon, on April 1, 1822. Rebecca was first married to George Miller, March 28, 1815 in Franklin County.

Enos and Rebecca lived on Section 25. Daughter Sarah Ann, born in 1823, married her neighbor James Burget, October 11, 1847. James, a farmer, was born in 1821. They had sons Enos Cutler who was born in 1850 and Jesse who was born in 1857. James died from paralysis May 17, 1897, age 76.

August 12, 1871, Enos Cutler Burget married Nancy J. Fisher, and they had Emma J., Mary A. born July 4, 1874, James C. born June 1875, and A.J. (Arthur) born November 1870. Second, Enos married Mahaley Gloyd French and they moved to Hardin County. Mary Altha Burget married Ira M. Scothorn, son of Monroe and Margaret Morrison Scothorn.

John Cutler married Caty Ice on August 2, 1810 and they had several children. None of them stayed in Pickaway County. Rachel Cutler died of cholera.

Sarah Cutler married George Coon, a brother of her brother Enos' wife. They lived at St. Paul and had children: George, Julia Ann, John, Emily, Luke, Enos, and Frankin. George married Sarah Ann Wilso and they had children: Sarah Jane, Enos, John, Hannah, Rachel, Clinton, and Clarence.

September 19, 1816, Nancy Cutler married Thomas Becket Burton, son of Joshua Becket Burton. Thomas was born in 1793 and died in 1829, and Nancy was born March 9, 1794, and died in 1836. Both are buried in Hopewell Cemetery, Franklin County. Their children were: Sarah, born June 20, 1817; Luke Decker, born October 20, 1818; Enos Cutler, born August 18, 1821; Thomas, born March 20, 1825; and William Thornton, born January 18, 1828 and died April 16, 1864.

Luke Decker Burton married Cynthia Hoffhines, born January 10, 1819 and daughter of George Hoffhines and Margaret Tritsch. They lived on Section 32, Madison Township. Their children were: Vause, John, Sarah, George, Enos, Thornton E., Edward, Nelson, and Luke. Enos C. Burton married Mary Adkins, born 1827, March 29, 1846 and had children: Cynthia, Emily, Mary, Nancy E., Marion, Dimmot, Mary A., Alatha, Jacob, Emanuel, and James. February 18, 1849 Thomas Burton married Emily Wright who was born June 21, 1826. She died December 28, 1863 and is buried in Harrison Township Cemetery. They lived in Section 7 of Harrison Township. They had children: Nancy C., John, Elijah, George, and Thomas. Second he married Harriet, and they had children: Edward, Charles, and Oscar. William married Elizabeth McDanal February 27, 1850. He died April 16, 1864.

Susan Cutler married Henry Carder March 20, 1819, and they lived in Franklin County.

-Submitted by Aislinn M. Hayes

JOHN DAVISON

John Davison, born 1706 in Ulster, Ireland, immigtrated in 1742 to Augusta County, Virginia. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Davison. He and his wife Jane had ten children: George, Thomas, William, Elizabeth, Margaret, John, Robert, Mary, Edward and David.

Edward R. Davison was born in 1750 in August County, Virginia, and died in August of 1827. Edward moved his family to Pickaway County, Ohio in 1803. He married first wife Mary and

Edward R. Davison, Soldier in Revolution

they had two children, Mary and Samuel. He then married second wife Eliza Stevenson and they had five children: Elizabeth, Robert, Margaret, William and Jonathon. He then married Elizabeth Eikes and they had five children: Katharine, Nancy, John, Lydia and Edward.

William Davidson was born in 1803 in Ohio and died August 8, 1884. He married Rachel Ater, born August 5, 1805. They had nine children: Elizabeth, Nancy, Mary, Ohio Pency, Isaac, Edward, Ann, Samuel and Rachel.

Samuel Davidson was born in 1848 in Ohio and died in 1904. He married Sarah Ellen White, born February 26, 1857, in Ohio. They had ten children: William, Rachel, Maude, Lilly, Cleveland, Edgar, Nancy, Sara Ella, Oscar and Frank.

Oscar Davidson was born March 19, 1893 in Ohio and died January 19, 1959. He married Myrtle Marie Ryan, born November 14, 1896 in Ohio. They had three children: Fredrick, Harry and Anna.

Fredrick Davidson, born February 19, 1915 in Circleville, Ohio, died August 25, 1967. He married Anna Mae Seymour, born February 14, 1917. They had four children, two still living.

-Submitted by Thomas Davidson

DAWSON

234 North Court Street, Circleville, Ohio

234 N. Court Street about 1886. L to R: unknown, Lyman Hammel, Samantha Heffner Hammel, James Hall, Daisy Murray (neice of Samatha & Kate). Kate Heffner Hall, unknown.

The tax records for the property indicate that some structure was probably built in 1841 as James Moore's taxes increased. The 1859 directory indicates that James Moore occupied the property on the east side on North Main,

between Watt and North High. It was replaced in 1881 with construction of the building that still occupies the site in 2005.

Lyman Hammel and James Hall contracted with Amos Cook for a building on the southeast corner of High and Court Street (234 N. Court Street) in 1881-1882. The property was just north of the original circular town plat. The General Business Review of 1889 states that the building was erected in 1882 by Hall and Hammel and "adapted to business requirements and family residences for themselves, and both in architectural appearance and convenience is a model of neatness and elegance. It is constructed of brick, two stories and basement in height and 30x85 feet in dimensions. The entire building is heated by hot air furnace and finished in modern style. The business offered "Staple and Fancy Groceries, Provisions, etc."

The Review further noted that both men brought to their grocery business the "fullest financial ability and business experience." The stock carried "can only be briefly noticed as embracing best grates of groceries and provision, country produce, queensware, glassware, wooden and willowware, tobaccos, cigars, notions, etc., while goods are delivered promptly to patrons free in all parts of the city. This house ranks among the most prosperous and reliable of its class in the city."

234 N. Court Street 7/7/03.

Hall and Hammel were brothers-in-law, married to Heffner sisters, and the picture taken in 1886 includes family members.

By about 1900, Perry M. and Irene Pressler offered Staple and Fancy Groceries at the location. On September 1, 1910, Clyde O. Leist opened and continued to operate the Clover Farm store for 38 years. In 1910, crackers were sold by the barrel and beans were bought in bulk, not by the can. On retirement from the store in 1949, Leist commented that he had more than a dozen customers who had traded with him since he opened the store. He also noted that he was among the first to deliver orders given over the phone, and he had phone service from both Bell and Citizens telephone companies for the purpose.

Myrl F. Collins acquired the store and after redecorating opened Collins Grocery in mid 1949. Collins started in the grocery business in Circleville in 1945, at 1002 South Court Street. He operated from 234 North Court until 1961 when Ernie Weiler operated the grocery for a couple of years, then Earl Lutz purchased the property and sold groceries for another 15 years. A June 15th (1978?) sales receipt for $16.48, at the Historical Society's Moore house has a note on it, "Honey, this is the last bill from the store." His son Mark Lutz owns the building at the present time, 2005.

In 1979 Carpet Contractors of Central Ohio occupied the building for a brief time, then the building was adapted to food service and several eating establishments have occupied the site since 1981. Arthur Murray opened Murray's Restaurant for a short time about 1981, then Bambi and Dan Bach, of Columbus, Ohio, served food to the community as Bambi's for a few years. Towfig and Jannette Kharoufeh operated Tony's Café from 1985 until 1991.

In 1992, Paul and Jennifer Dickey remodeled and opened the Roundtown Café. The café displayed a variety of historical photographs reminiscent of Circleville history. The Dickey's offered a variety of sandwiches and dinners including Italian, Greek and American specialties and sandwiches. For a few months in 1991-2000 the Café continued to operate under the ownership of Bonnie and Clyde Hart.

In March, 2000, Circleville residents Dave and Dee Dawson purchased the Café and offer a variety of sandwiches and meals including a house specialty, the Chicken Crisp. The pictorial record of Circleville's past has been expanded and continues to be displayed in this historic building.

-Submitted by Dee Dawson

DAVID DAWSON FAMILY

David E. Dawson moved to Pickaway County from Indianapolis, Indiana in March 1971 to begin work at the new RCA plant in Circleville as a production foreman. After graduating from Purdue University in June, his wife Dee followed. Home was in Carvel Manor, west of South Bloomfield, Ohio for several months, and then they purchased an older home on North Court Street in Circleville, Ohio.

Dave's work for RCA included many years in Quality Assurance, and efforts to establish 24-hour emergency medical coverage in the plant. In the community, Dave worked with other founders to establish Circleville's Emergency Medical Service, and held the office of president and other positions in the fledgling organization. The EMS began responding to emergency calls in 1974 from a park bench on the lawn of Berger Hospital. Dave volunteered countless nighttime hours on duty as emergency medical technician and later as one of Circleville's first paramedics.

Dee found work with the State Library of Ohio on a project that provided State Library resources to local public libraries throughout the state. When son Mark was born in 1973, Dee retired to homemaking and volunteering that supported church, school and community. She served two terms on the Circleville City Schools Board of Education and also represented Circleville Schools on the Pickaway Ross Vocational School Board.

As a member of the American Association of University Women, Dee worked on many local projects, and served as president of the Circleville Branch, as well as on AAUW's state board of directors. During the 1980's, Dee helped to coordinate a project to establish a pre-high school level foreign language program. LIFT OFF, Language Is Fundamental To Our Foreign Friendships, gave younger Pickaway County children an international language experience.

Both Dee and Dave volunteered for the Boy Scouts, with Dave serving as Cub master, scoutmaster, and district commissioner. He earned Wood Badge and Black Foot designations, and was honored with Silver Beaver and Cross and Flame awards. Dee helped as cub den leader and merit badge counselor.

Son Mark was born in Berger Hospital and attended Circleville Schools where he was active in the National Honor Society, Band, Quick Recall, and played soccer and wrestled. He achieved Eagle Rank in Boy Scout Troop 52, and spent most summers camping and joining other scouts at Jamboree, Philmont Scout Ranch, and Sea Base. He also participated in a Central Ohio Explorer Post that worked through the 1990 Everest Environmental Expedition to clean up the base camp and establish recycling programs. After graduating in 1991, Mark was sponsored by Circleville Noon Rotary as a Rotary Exchange Student. He spent the 1991-1992 school year in Austria.

David, Dee and Mark Dawson in Amsterdam, 2005.

When Mark left for college in 1992, Dee returned to work as a reference librarian for the Wagnalls Memorial Library, Lithopolis, Ohio, a historic, endowed library in Lithopolis, and she enjoys working on genealogy and local history both personally and professionally.

In 2000 as Dave retired from RCA/Thomson, Dee, Dave and Mark purchased the Roundtown Café, a small family restaurant in downtown Circleville. Mark worked for two years to help establish the business. The Dawsons operated the café for five years.

Community United Methodist Church, Circleville, Ohio, is a focus of religious and spiritual commitment where Dave and Dee have served, and shared Christ with the community.

David Edward Dawson is the son of the late Melvin Edward Dawson and Ellanora Fair of Ridgeley, West Virginia. Born in Elkins, West Virginia, May 10, 1942, he is the oldest of three children. Siblings are Ruth Diane (Edwin) Denzler of Fort Myers, Florida, and Leroy Dawson,

of Flintstone, Maryland. Dave attended Potomac State College, and many continuing education courses during a career in industry.

Delores Ann Leeson, Dee, was born June 28, 1942 in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and is the daughter of Kenneth Fleming Leeson and Neva Marie Pryor. Siblings are Dorothy Marie (Harold S.) Griffin of Phoenix, Arizona, and Doris Jean (Donald E.) Lea, of Beavercreek, Ohio. The Dawsons married March 21, 1964, in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Mark was born October 14, 1973. He is a graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, with majors in German and Science and Technology Studies. He operates Kise Consulting, with varied interests in writing, photography, management, and technology support at home and abroad.

-Submitted by Dee Dawson

DEAL FAMILY

Arthur Deal, Sr. was born August 23, 1902 in Wellston, Ohio. He became a coal miner and when the mines closed he found work in Columbus, Ohio at the Brown Lamp Company. It was here that he met Georgia Pearl Welsh. She lived in South Bloomfield, Ohio with her parents, Harry Ethridge Welsh and Amy Alice Miller Welsh. Art found room and board with her family. Eventually Arthur and Georgia were married on December 22, 1926. They lived in South Bloomfield all their lives. Arthur retired from Swift Packing Company in Columbus, Ohio. Arthur died September 30, 1972 and Georgia died April 4, 1997. Arthur and Georgia had two sons, Arthur J. Deal and David Deal.

Arthur J. was born June 29, 1927 in South Bloomfield. He attended South Bloomfield grade school and graduated from Ashville High School, Ashville, Ohio in 1945. On June 28, 1946, he married Ada Lou Beckett. They were married in Ashville Methodist Church by Reverend Albertson. They went to housekeeping on Long Street in Ashville. Other residences include addresses in Columbus, Circleville and Ashville. To this union were born three children: James, Jody and Jan. Art attended Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio for two years. He became manager of B.F. Goodrich Company on Parsons Avenue in Columbus. This business was dissolved. It was then in 1964 that he and his spouse opened a flower shop at 204 Long Street in Ashville with a second shop opening in Circleville in 1969. Both businesses were sold in the early 1970's. At that time Art and Ada Lou became manufacture representatives for a number of gift manufacturers with a show room in the Columbus Gift Mart. They retired in 1998 and continue to reside in Ashville.

-Submitted by Arthur Deal

Jim and Jo Ellen (Smalley) Deal, Jody (Deal) Hettinger, Jan (Deal) and Steve Mulhern, and Art & Ada Lou Deal. Christmas Eve, 1998.

DEAN FAMILY

Lewis H. Dean and Margaret (Vanzant) Dean moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, March 2, 1946, to the E.L. Shottenstein dairy farm one mile west of Circleville, Ohio. They had lived in Leesburg, Ohio, Highland County.

Lewis and Margaret Dean.

Lewis' family lived at Fayetteville, Ohio and Washington Court House, Ohio. Margaret's family lived in Highland County at Hillsboro and Lynchburg, Ohio.

Lewis and Margaret were married November 28, 1936. They have one son, Gary J. Dean, who lives in Circleville. They lived on the Shottenstein farm for eighteen years and then bought a house in Logan Elm Village near Circleville. Lewis sold Lennox furnaces and air conditioners. Margaret has been an American Red Cross volunteer for over forty years with over 14,800 hours spent as a volunteer. She is active in the Community United Methodist Church in Circleville, Ohio.

Lewis passed away on August 14, 1991. He is buried in Floral Hills Cemetery on State Route 23 north of Circleville.

Gary married Mary Jane Stephenson, of Huntsville, Ohio. They have two sons – Stephen and Jeffrey.

-Submitted by Margaret E. Dean

THE GARY J. DEAN FAMILY

Gary Joe Dean was born in Leesburg, Ohio; his parents were Lewis Harry Dean (born in Fayetteville, Ohio) and Margaret Ellen VanZant (born in Highland County, Ohio). On June 5, 1965, he married Mary Jane Stephenson of Logan County, Ohio. They have two sons: Stephen Lewis, born June 5, 1968 in Flemingsburg, Kentucky and Jeffrey Alan, born May 14, 1971 in Columbus, Ohio.

Gary served as Circleville High School band director from 1970 until 1975. He founded the original Pumpkin Show Band in the mid 1970's. He was a salesman of advertising specialties and a founded a company: Central Ohio Promotions. He also sold real estate for several companies in central Ohio. In 2002, he was named regional vice president of ERA Martin & Associates/Chillicothe and was the Circleville Office Manager. Gary and Mary Jane served Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (Circleville) as choir director and organist for ten and eighteen years respectively.

Gary, Mary Jane, Jeffrey & Stephen Dean. 1977.

Mary Jane founded a multi-teacher music studio in 1977 called Studio One, located at 250 E. Franklin Street. This studio has provided music instruction for young and old Pickaway Countians for over 28 years. She has also served as adjunct professor of piano and organ for the Circleville Bible College for over 25 years.

Stephen married Cindy Baily of Clintonville/Columbus, Ohio on September 6, 1997. He is an investigative news reporter for the NBC affiliate, KTRH NewsTwo Houston, Texas.

Jeffrey is currently a major in the United States Army, serving as an orthopedic surgeon in Heidelberg, Germany. He married Jasmin Khair of San Antonio, Texas on August 31, 2002.

-Submitted by Gary Dean

JOHN & ROSE SARBRI DEAN

This is the history of my Grandparents John and Rose Dean. John Dean was born in Pickaway County in 1861. Rose Dean was born in Germany in 1861. She came to America at the age of 8 years and settled in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Rose met John Dean and they were married in 1881. John and Rose had 9 children: 3 boys, Jack, Clarence and Fred, and 6 girls, Jenny, Laura, Christal, Tracy, Etta, and Lena. They started farming in Pickaway County, south of Circleville, Ohio. About 1885 they inherited about $2000, which was a lot of money in those days. Other Pickaway County relation had gone west to Kansas to farm and wrote back that it was the promised land for farming and they should come west. They left Circleville about 1885 by train and arrived in Dodge City, Kansas, where they were met by relatives. They settled in Ford, Kansas, which is about 30 miles from Dodge City and lived in a sod house. Some of their children were born in Kansas. They stayed for about 10

Home of the Walter Dearth Family 1923. 407 East Main St. Now office of James River, D.D.S.

years and returned to Ohio in 1895. They returned because they had tried to grow corn in dry country. My father took them back to Kansas in 1939 to visit. My grandfather said that when they plowed the prairie sod, the weeds were as tough of competition as the dry weather. Today they grow wheat and irrigated corn. While in Kansas he drove a horse and wagon down to Oklahoma Territory for the land rush, but there were too many already there, so he headed back to Kansas and shortly returned to Circleville, Ohio. They started farming again and my mother, Christal was born near Yellowbud, Ohio in 1898.

They farmed there until about 1914 and then moved to a farm north of Derby, Ohio. My Dad, William J. Green met my mother and they were married in 1918.

John and Rose Dean moved to a farm south of Williamsport, Ohio in 1918. Mom (Christal) and Dad (William) lived with them the first year and Dad said they plowed 100 acres with nine horses and three 1 bottom plows.

John and Rose farmed until about 1925 and moved south of Thatcher, Ohio. They had 10 acres and one cow to milk. Grandpa (John) never learned to drive a car. He drove a horse and buggy to church in Thatcher. My first memory of my grandparents is when they lived at Thatcher. They moved to Circleville, Ohio in 1943. I remember staying with them while attending the Pickaway County Fair in 1946. Grandpa (John) died in 1947. Grandma (Rose) came to live with us and died in 1949. They are buried in Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio.

-Submitted by William Green

WALTER DEARTH FAMILY

Walter Jasper Dearth was born to Samuel and Margaret (Allen) Dearth on September 24, 1876 in Vinton County, Ohio. He was one of seven children. He married the former Margaret Seney McRoberts of Ross County, Ohio on March 15, 1905. Walter died on December 12, 1955 at the age of 79 and Margaret died on April 23, 1928 at the age of 51 from cancer. They are buried in Forrest Cemetery at Circleville, Ohio.

Walter and Margaret moved to Pickaway County, Ohio from Ross County in 1905. He was a life long farmer and businessman. She was a schoolteacher and community leader. She taught Sunday School at the Circleville Methodist Church. He bought a farm in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, three miles south of Circleville, Ohio. They lived there with their family until 1923 when they purchased and moved to their home at 407 East Main Street (now the office of James River, DDS) thinking their children would receive a better education at a larger school. He purchased and operated the Jim Antill Confectionery (later known as Dearth & Sons Confectionery) on East Franklin Street for three years. Here they made homemade candies and ice cream using their own farm dairy products that he also sold to other businesses in Circleville. He was well known for his "sweet corn" stand at his Route 23 farm.

He also was a Real Estate Agent working for Will Morris, and later sold monuments for the Zenker Monument Company, located in the Anderson building on East Main Street, Circleville.

They were members of the Methodist Church, Circleville, now known as the Community United Methodist Church. They were parents of two sons, Samuel F. Dearth and John W. Dearth and two daughters, Alice Margaretta (Cameron) and Bernese McRoberts (Rader). They had ten grandchildren: Carolyn (Robert) Young, Bonnie (William) Hildenbrand, Margaret (Carroll) Cook, Roland Dearth, Diane (William) Bennet, Richard Cameron, Marilyn (Dave) Dodson, Joyce Auberchom, Nola (Ted) Bahnsen, and Noel Clark Rader Jr. (deceased).

Walter enjoyed traveling with his friends and family, especially going out West. He loved to discuss and argue politics with his friends Ed Krisel and Walt Goodman.

His grandchildren liked to hear him play the piano, if they could talk him into it!

-Submitted by Carolyn Young and Bonnie Hildenbrand

DECHERT/DECHER FAMILY

An important piece of the puzzle in tracing the migration of the Decher families from Hesse Darmstadt, Germany to Berks County, Pennsylvania to Pickaway County, Ohio is provided by the book Genealogy of the Deckard Family (1932) by Percy Edward Deckard, MD.

Johann George Decher (?-1762), his wife Christina Elizabeth (1711-1783) and his son Johann Peter (1736-1783) came from Germany and sailed from Rotterdam on the ship Neptune. They landed in Philadelphia in 1754 and settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Johann Peter was an officer in the Revolutionary War.

Dr. Deckard could not track two of Johann Peter's seven sons. He comments only that William (1766-1824) and Peter (1769-1846) disappeared with their older brother John on a trip "into the West". Fortunately, he does provide an account about a younger brother, Michael, who settled in Abingdon, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Subsequent search of census and land records found William and Peter also living in Washington County. Deed books show many purchases and sales of town lots and farmland by Michael, Peter and William between 1798 and 1823. (The three brothers owned adjacent lots in Abingdon.)

Anna Van Vickle Dechert

In 1804, Peter married Margaret Crow (abt. 1778-1843), the eldest daughter of James and Jane Crow, who lived in an adjacent farmhouse that still stands. James Crow served in the Battle of Kings Mountain. Peter and Margaret's six children were born in Virginia. Peter and William sold their farm in 1823 to Robert Preston and moved to Ohio. They purchased their Pickaway

County property from the same Robert Preston. Their only son, William (1809-1874) and five daughters (Elizabeth Beavers, Esther Coontz, Jane Beavers, Rachael Legg and Rebecca Coontz) were married in Ohio.

Peter's brother, William, was never married. He also moved to Ohio in 1823. William died in 1924 leaving everything to his brother Peter "and his heirs forever, considering John Crow as one". John Crow was a half brother to William (1809-1874).

During 1834, Peter Dechert transferred much of his property to his children. The Wheeler Map of 1844 identifies property owned by the Decherts, VanVickle, Coontz, Beaver and Seeds. Margaret died in 1843. Peter remarried Nancy Ady in 1844. Peter died in 1846.

William (1809-1874) married Ann VanVickle (1820-1910). Ann's father, Absalom, is said to have fought in the War of 1812. William and Anna had five sons: Peter (1839-1924), Absalom, John, Daniel and Homer, and five daughters: Elizabeth Gochenour, Harriett Beavers, Alice McDonald, Margaret and Rebecca.

The marriage of Peter (1839-1924) and Mary Hewitt produced one son, William L. Dechert (1870-1950) and four daughters (Laura Learch, Hettie Scott, Anna Prushing and Emily Seeds).

William L. Dechert, 1870-1950 and Charlotte Corkwell Dechert, 1873-1948. 50th Anniversary 1944.

In 1884 William L. married Charlotte Corkwell (1873-1948), daughter of Sampson Corkwell and Harriett Emily Clevenger. Seven children were born of this marriage: Merritte (1895-1988), Clifford, Lillian Goehring, Ruth Horner, Harold, Pauline Nellis and Frances were born in Orient, Ohio and one, Aubrey, in Cortland, Ohio, where the family moved in late 1913. Merritte (1895-1988) moved to Cortland after graduating from Marysville High School, Marysville, Ohio in 1914.

Merritte married Thelma Shumake (1908-) in 1927 in Cortland. Their two children, Douglas M. and L. Allan, are both living.

-Submitted by Douglas Dechert

DEFENBAUGH FAMILIES

Johann Conrad (Tiffebogh) Diefenbach (1659-1738) (there are over 100 spellings) came to America from Germany in the Palantine movement in 1710 with his mother Anna, his second wife Maria Barbara Christler and five children. They settled in Scholarie Valley, New York where two more children, Johann Adam and Anna Dorthea were born.

Johann Adam Dieffenbach (1711-1777) son of Johann Conrad and Maria Barbara, married Sybilla Kobel in 1734 after the family moved down the Susquehanna River to Tulpehocken, Berks County, Pennsylvania. He served in the French and Indian War. Their children were Michael, Catherine, George, Jacob, Magdelena, and Peter. All four sons served in the Revolutionary War.

George (1741-1788), son of Johann Adam and Mary Sybilla, was born at Tulpehocken, Pennsylvania, served throughout the Revolutionary War and was a farmer and miller. He married Eva Magdelena (Mary) Kapp and their children were Catherine, Elizabeth, George, Mary, Adam, John, Anna Christiana (Jane), and Daniel. About 1803, Mary, widow of George, together with her four sons and daughter Jane moved to Ohio, settling near the present village of Laurelville. Jane died in 1804 and was the first burial in Stumpf Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Daniel Dieffabaugh (1786-1871), youngest child of George and Mary, married Hannah Culp; he was a farmer and cabinet maker, and made several pipe organs (one for the Presbyterian Church in Circleville, Ohio), as well as drums for the Union Army under contract during the Civil War. It was related that on the journey to Ohio, a fiddle belonging to his brother, Adam, fell out of a covered wagon and rolled under the wheels, being smashed into 42 pieces. Daniel gathered up the fragments, put them in a grain sack, and upon reaching Ohio, glued them together so well that the fiddle was in use for many years thereafter. The children of Daniel and Hannah were George S., Peter, Mary Magdelena, Mary, Sarah, Leah, Lydia, Daniel N., Adam, David, and Hannah. Daniel, his mother Mary, and wife Hannah were all buried in Stumpf Cemetery.

Peter Deffenbaugh (1808-1865), son of Daniel and Hannah, married Catherine Thomas in 1830. Their children were Almena, Isaac, James Austin, Stephen, Franklin, Savilla and Harriett. Peter served in the Mexican and Civil Wars; he also went to California during the Gold Rush but failed to strike it rich. He was a cabinetmaker and an undertaker and built the first Defenbaugh Funeral Home in Tarlton, Ohio. He and Catherine are buried in Tarlton Cemetery.

Stephen Defenbaugh (1838-1919), son of Peter and Catherine, continued the funeral business in Tarlton, Ohio and enlisted twice in the Civil War. He married Mahala Pontius in 1866 and they were the parents of Jennie, Harley, and Eva. All are buried in Tarlton Cemetery.

Harley Edson Defenbaugh (1869-1957), son of Stephen and Mahala, also continued the funeral business and was a farmer and stock feeder. He married Anna Joch in 1895 and their children were Mary, Harold, Pauline, and William. Their home in Laurelville, Ohio served as a funeral parlor at times in addition to the established business in Tarlton. He used to say Republican Defenbaughs spelled their name with one "f"and Democrats spelled their name with two. Harley and his family are all buried in Tarlton.

William (Bill) Defenbaugh (1905-1961), son of Harley and Anna, continued the funeral business with his father and moved it to a larger building in Circleville, Ohio. His brother Harold joined the business and lived upstairs over the funeral home for many years. Bill also expanded the farming operation to about 3000 acres. He married Gwendolen Lewis in 1930 and they became the parents of Lois, Barbara, Mary Ann, and Edith--all girls--much to Bill's disappointment, and so ended the Defenbaugh name in this line of the family. Bill and Gwen are also buried in Tarlton.

Lois Defenbaugh (1931), daughter of Bill and Gwen, married Robert A. (Sandy) Jones Sr., who served in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean conflict, and they are the parents of Robert A. (Alex) Jones Jr. (1954), Stewart McArthur Jones (1956), Lewis Kyle Jones (1959), and Stephanie Jones Martin (1963). Grandchildren are Jami, Ashley, Alli, Rachel, Lindsey, and Bradford Jones and Marlee and Taylor Martin. Only Lois, Sandy and the Martins reside in Pickaway County at the present time.

L to R, Back: Lois Jones, Edith Everett. Front: Mary Ann DeLong, Barbara Meade. 4 Sisters. 2001.

Barbara Defenbaugh (1933), daughter of Bill and Gwen, married Lewis Meade and they have a daughter, Sarah. They live in Greene County, Ohio.

Mary Ann Defenbaugh (1934), daughter of Bill and Gwen, married Dalton DeLong. Sherry Bowers, Bill and Dave DeLong are their children. Grandchildren are J.D. White, Meghan, Nathan, Bryce and Avery DeLong. All live in Pickaway County.

Edith Defenbaugh, (1938), daughter of Bill and Gwen, married Phillip Everett and have two daughters, Meg Brumfield and Suzanne Bandy. The Everett grandchildren are Kale and Kara Bandy and Hailey, Merideth and Sam Brumfield. The Everetts and Bandys live in Pickaway County.

It is said that there are over 16,000 related Defenbaughs in the United States, which is understandable, if you just count this line.

-Submitted by Lois D. Jones

EMMA GWENDOLEN LEWIS DEFENBAUGH

Gwendolen Defenbaugh's life began many miles from Pickaway County. She was born in Spokane, Washington May 8, 1909. Her family moved back to Ohio when she was six. Her dad had bought a farm in Jackson County a couple of years before they moved back. Both of her parents, William Evan and Mary Margaret Williams Lewis, ancestry originated in Wales but U.S. roots were in the Jackson County area. As a young girl, Gwen took part in the Welsh Eisteddfods or music festivals that were held in the heart of the music-loving Welsh community. Gwen graduated from high school at Bloomfield High and went on to The Ohio State University where she majored in Home Economics. She was introduced to Bill Defenbaugh by her brother, Vaughn and Bill's brother, Harold. The brothers taught school in Stoutsville at that time. The economy of the country was very poor and for Gwen to finish college would put a great hardship on the family, so she decided not to finish her schooling. Meeting Bill came at the right time and they were married at her family farm home in Jackson County about a year later.

Gwen and Bill had four daughters: The oldest daughter is Lois Gwendolen who married Robert Alexander (Sandy) Jones and they have four children: Alex, Stewart, Kyle and Stephanie. Robert Alexander married Ellen Hribek and they live with daughter, Allie in Texas. Two other daughters, Jamie and Ashley live in Columbus, Ohio. Stewart McArthur married Kim Kopecky and they have two daughters, Rachel Michele and Lindsey Marie and they live in Florida. Lewis Kyle married Jennifer Megyesi and has one son, Bradford Kipling. They live in Vermont. Stephanie Kay has two children, Marlee Kay and Taylor Robert Martin. They reside in Pickaway County.

Bill and Gwen's second daughter is Barbara Joan. She married Lewis Meade and they live in Xenia, Ohio. They have one daughter, Sarah Ruth who lives in Columbus, Ohio.

The Defenbaugh's third daughter is Mary Ann who married Dalton Earl DeLong. They have three children, Sherry Ann, William Earl, and David Earl. Sherry is married to Robert DeHaven Bowers and is the mother of Jordan DeLong (JD) White. Bill married Bev Swackhammer and they have two children, Meghan Nicole and Nathan Earl. David married Caroline Amelia (Amy) Edler and have twin daughters: Avery Elizabeth and Bryce McKenzie. All of Mary Ann and Dalton's children live in Pickaway County.

The fourth daughter is Edith Lynn who married Phillip M. Everett and they live in Circleville. They have two daughters: Margaret (Meg) Lynn married Mark T. Brumfield. They live in Dayton, Ohio with twin daughters, Hailey and Meredith and a son, Samuel. The other daughter is Suzanne who married Jeffrey M. Bandy and they reside in Circleville with two children, Kale and Kara.

Through the years Gwen was very active. She belonged to 4-H as a child and acted as an advisor for many years. She really enjoyed working with the youth. She taught Sunday School and was MYF advisor at the Methodist Church in Tarlton for a number of years. At the church she also was the pianist, active in the Women's Society of Christian Service and taught the young adult Sunday School Class. Gwen served as PTA president for Saltcreek School. She was district secretary of Home Council in connection with Pickaway County Extension Service. She was the corresponding secretary of Pickaway County General Hospital Guild. Gwen liked to garden and belonged to the Pickaway County Garden Club. She liked arranging flowers and won prizes at the fair for some of her arrangements. She was a member of the Republican Club. Gwen liked to sew and made most of her four daughters' clothes and taught them to sew also. She liked to read, travel, and do embroidery, paint, and many other types of arts and crafts. She often carried some type of needlework with her, so if she got stuck waiting on her husband at a cattle sale, or a funeral, she had something to do with her time. Besides all of this, she helped Bill when needed in the funeral and farming businesses.

Gwen was a loving mother and devoted much quality time rearing her children. She was a very compassionate person, a good listener, and had a healthy sense of humor. She loved to travel and with her husband traveled to all the states in the U.S. and many countries abroad. Bill and Gwen went to India. They also toured South America and Gwen went to Alaska after Bill's death. She moved to Circleville several years after Bill died and continued her church work, gardening, civic duties, and devoted much time to her ten grandchildren. The last years of her life she battled diabetes and sarcoidosis, dying from the incompatability of the two diseases.

-Submitted by Barbara D. Meade

WILLIAM EDSON DEFENBAUGH

William E. (Bill) Defenbaugh was born November 28, 1905 to Harley and Anna (Joch) Defenbaugh in Tarlton, Ohio. He attended grade school in Tarlton and graduated from Saltcreek Township High School in 1923. He graduated from the Ohio State University College of Agriculture where he was a member of Alpha Zeta fraternity, Reserve Officer Training Corps and the college livestock judging team. He also was a graduate of the Columbus Training School for Embalmers. He joined his father in the funeral business and farming near Tarlton. They were the fourth and fifth generations of funeral directors in the family.

In 1930 Bill married Gwendolen Lewis of Jackson County and they lived on farms in Saltcreek Township first on Tarlton Road and later on the Tarlton Adelphi Road. They were members of and active in the Tarlton Methodist Church. They became parents of four daughters: Lois Gwendolen, Barbara Joan, Mary Ann, and Edith Lynn. Much to Bill's disappointment, no son materialized.

Bill continued farming and increased the acreage to about 3000 acres in Pickaway and Fairfield Counties. He and his father moved the Defenbaugh Funeral business from Tarlton to Circleville in the 1940's where Bill and his brother Harold continued in both businesses until his death.

Active as a community leader, he served as a director of the Adelphi Bank and was a charter member of the Pickaway Historical Society. He was a past president of the Circleville Rotary Club, a member of the Masonic Lodge and past president of the Circleville Commandery.

Bill and Gwen really enjoyed traveling and visited every state in the nation including Hawaii. They took a trip around the world in 1956 when they were honored at the wedding in India of Rajinder Singh Randawa, an International Farm Youth Exchange student they had previously hosted in their home. On the way to India one stop they made was in Rome and had an audience with Pope Pius XII at the Vatican. Then in 1959 they went to South America and visited six different countries there. Bill was always interested in the different agriculture practices wherever they went. Gwen always had a good book or some embroidery she could work on while he visited with farmers.

Bill was unfortunately killed in a farm related accident on May 18, 1961, in Columbus, Ohio, when his truck bed malfunctioned. At the present time his daughters survive him as well as ten grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren scattered from Texas to Florida and Vermont as well as Columbus, Dayton, Laurelville, and Circleville in Ohio.

He and Gwen are buried in the Tarlton Cemetery, Tarlton, Ohio, near many of his ancestors.

-Submitted by Lois D. Jones

CLARENCE DEFFENBAUGH

Daniel Deffenbaugh (son of Daniel Dieffabaugh and Hannah Culp) was born June 30, 1820 and died September 23, 1890. He married Hannah E. Butler on December 24, 1840. Hannah was born July 17, 1818 and died on April 28, 1900. They had the following children: Lewis, Otis, Leannah, Morris, Savilla, James Alvin, George Wilbur and William Austin.

James Alvin Deffenbaugh was born September 22, 1854 and died May 26, 1916. He married Amanda E. Storts on October 10, 1875. Amanda was born June 23, 1856 and died November 13, 1926. Their children were Ann (b. July 31, 1876, d. September 19, 1909), Clarence, Clifford (b. October 14, 1880, d. December 16, 1964), Ethel (b. July 13, 1889, d. December 7, 1916) and Laura Belle (b. July 1, 1897, d. April 11, 1972). Laura Belle married Frank Kuhn on April 24, 1922.

Clarence was born May 19, 1886 and died June 20, 1965. He married Violet Minnie Hockenberry on June 19, 1919 in Ross County, Ohio. Violet was the daughter of William R. Hockenberry (b. 1859, d. March 23, 1923) and Amanda V. Like (b. 1865, d. 1926). Clarence and Violet Deffenbaugh, William and Amanda Hockenberry are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Clarence and Violet had three children. Robert W. married Edna Warren, Mildred E. married Harold Schein. Mildred and Harold had two children, Missy and Craig. Ralph C. (b. May 15, 1928, d. August 6, 1978) married Betty L. Barthelmas. Ralph and Betty had children Stephen, Mark and Clark Joseph.

-Submitted by Mildred Deffenbaugh Schein

DELONG FAMILY

The DeLong Family migrated to Hocking County, Ohio from Burks County Pennsylvania in the 1700's. The Hocking County farm of Nelson and Bertha DeLong has been the residence of three DeLong generations including Earl and Grace DeLong and their son Dalton Earl, born September 20, 1930. Dalton DeLong met Mary Ann Defenbaugh, daughter of William and Gwendolen Lewis Defenbaugh, born August 26, 1934, at the famous Laurelville skating rink in 1950. The two were married three years later on June 28, 1953 and resided in Laurelville, Ohio. Dalton continued to farm the family farm with his father Earl, as well as, expanding the farm operation into Pickaway County in 1959. Mary Ann attended Ohio University, and was a substitute teacher at Laurelville and Saltcreek schools while also caring for the home and family.

Dalton and Mary Ann's daughter, Sherry Ann, was born in Circleville, Ohio at Berger Hospital, April 7, 1954. The second child, William Earl, was born in Circleville, December 9, 1956. The third and final child, David Earl, was born in Circleville, November 22, 1965.

In 1980, Dalton and Mary Ann purchased and migrated to the Armstrong Farm located at 15543 State Route 56, Laurelville, Ohio. Sherry DeLong married Warren White of Chillicothe, August 10, 1974 which resulted in the birth of

The Delong Family

Jordon DeLong White (JD), August 21, 1985. Sherry divorced and married Robert Bower, II of Laurelville, Ohio, July 12, 2001, owner of the Laurelville Fruit Company. William DeLong married Beverly Sue Swackhammer of Laurelville, Ohio, October 24, 1981, which resulted in the birth of Meghan Nicole, November 20, 1984 and Nathan Earl, January 2, 1989. David DeLong married Caroline Amelia Edler (Amy) of Chillicothe, Ohio, June 22, 1991, which resulted in the birth of twin girls, Bryce McKenzie and Avery Elizabeth born October 29, 1998.

Both David and William continued to expand the farm operation with their father, including the original family farm in Hocking County and farms in Pickaway County. Sherry works as a Family Nutrition Program Assistant, OSU Extension, Ross County. Bev is a Team Leader at Columbia Gas Transmission. Amy is the Human Resources Administrator at The Ohio Department of Transportation. All family members now reside in Pickaway County.

The picture is the 50th wedding anniversary of Dalton and Mary Ann with their children and grandchildren. Dalton's mother, Grace DeLong, at the center of the picture, died December 31, 2004 at the age of 103.

-Submitted by Mary Ann DeLong

JAMES DELONG

In 1839 James DeLong, son of George and Rachel (Abrams) DeLong, married Abigail Dunkel, daughter of George S. and Mary (Heinly) Dunkel of Salt Creek Township. James died at an early age in 1854. In 1856 Abigail married Conrad Ett of Walnut Township. The children of James and Abigail – John, Caroline, George and Mary Jane – thus became part of the Ett household, although by age 17 John DeLong was living with and working for the John G. Dunkel family near Adelphi, Ohio.

"Old Stumpf Place" on Stumpf Rd., Salt Creek Twp. Homestead of William Stumpf (1782-1873) and wife Elizabeth Reichelderfer Stumpf (1790-1878), built C. 1803. They were the grandparents of Charles DeLong (1869-1955).

In 1862 John DeLong married Mary Stumpf, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Reichelderfer) Stumpf of Salt Creek Township. William Stumpf came from Berks County, Pennsylvania to Pickaway County in the early 1800's. William settled on land adjacent to the Jerusalem Lutheran & Reformed Church. He was successful at farming and drove cattle to market over the mountains. Also, using a 6-horse team he hauled the products of his distillery to consumers in Chillicothe, Ohio.

John and Mary Stumpf DeLong's children were Sarah, George, Caroline and Charles. In the spring of 1870, when Charles was an infant, his father John "went West" allegedly to acquire land with the intent of relocating his family. John was never heard from again. His wife, Mary DeLong, was a devoted Christian but was forced to become a wage-earner. She placed her children in the homes of kind relatives and went to live as a servant with the Samuel D. Riegel family of Salt Creek Township. Mary later relocated to Georgia with the Riegel family. She died there in 1918, almost as much beloved by the Riegel's as by her own children.

Charles DeLong, son of John and Mary, was born 1869 at Adelphi, Ohio. He married Emma Katherine "Katie" Wann in 1890. She was the daughter of Jacob and Sarah Caroline (Odaffer) Wann of Washington Township. Jacob Wann died at age 33, but his wife was able to keep her children with her. She was active in the Evangelical church and passed away in Salt Creek Township in 1902.

Charles DeLong was a life-long farmer, initially in Salt Creek Township and later in Washington Township. He and "Katie" had six children, one of which, Paul, died at age 16. The other children all married Pickaway County natives: Grace married Merrill "Dick" Bowman; Mark married Clara Leist; Ruth married Loring Leist; Pearl married Freeda Leist; Ralph married Leona Bowman.

"Charlie" DeLong was known for his kind-hearted Christian nature, an ethic of hard work, and humorous wit. Aside from enjoying the church activities, Grange meetings, and family get-togethers he also liked to travel, not being shy about driving long distances if it meant seeing something interesting. After retiring from farming, he served as custodian for the St. Paul Evangelical Church ("Railroad" church) in Washington Township.

All but one of Charles and Katie DeLong's children resided in Pickaway County for the remainder of their lives. Pearl and his wife Freeda moved to Lancaster, Ohio in 1943.

-Submitted by Karen Feisel

RALPH DELONG FAMILY

Ralph DeLong was b. June 27, 1913 in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio to Charles and Emma Katherine (Wann) DeLong. He was the youngest of 6 children: Grace (b. February 13, 1893, d. June 12, 1958), Paul (b. April 16, 1895, d. in 1911 at the age of 16 of a ruptured appendix), Mark (b. September 17, 1898, d. May 6, 1975), Ruth (b. December 14, 1901, d. September 14, 1980), and Pearl (b. April 25, 1907, d. June 24, 1977). In 1925 the family moved from Saltcreek Township to Washington Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Ralph graduated in 1931 from Washington Township School. He was employed by Pickaway Dairy, Circleville, where he ran a delivery truck for butter, eggs, and cream to local grocery stores and restaurants and throughout southern Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia and later as a boiler operator for drying milk. In 1948 Ralph was one of the first employees of the new General Electric Plant in Circleville starting as a boiler operator then in plant maintenance. He worked there until his retirement June 27, 1975. For approximately 10 years following his retirement he read water meters for Earnhart Hill Water Company, Circleville. Ralph died September 21, 1994 and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

On January 26, 1937 he married Leona Marvine Bowman (b. January 26, 1912, d. April 19, 1998) daughter of Daniel A. and Stella M. (Klingensmith) Bowman. Leona was a stenographer at the Container Corporation ("Strawboard") in Circleville from her graduation in 1928 from Circleville High School until her marriage. Leona is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Ralph and Leona were active and faithful members in their church, St. Paul United Methodist (formerly Evangelical United Brethren) serving in many capacities. They belonged to Washington Grange and Ralph to Knights of Pythias Lodge.

They had one daughter, Lydia (b. April 11, 1939) in Circleville.

-Submitted by Lydia DeLong

DENMAN FAMILY

From England in 1635, in Circleville from 1848 to Present...

John Denman, b.1621, d. in Long Island, New York, came to Salem Colony of Massachusetts in 1635 from England on the ship Dorset.

Son, John, b.1643, Long Island, New York, d.1713, Newtown, New York, purchased land from Indians.

Son, Philip, b.1704, Newtown, New York, d.1780, Springfield, New Jersey.

Son, Joseph, b.1735, Springfield, New Jersey, d.1819, Springfield, New Jersey was a teamster who delivered supplies to the Revolutionary troops.

Son, Matthias, b.1760, Springfield, New Jersey, arrived in Hanover Township, Licking County, Ohio in April 1804, a patriot in the Revolutionary War.

Son, Matthias, Jr., b.1803 in New Jersey, d. 22 May, 1835 in Licking County, Ohio, married Catherine Colburn in 1824. Their children were: Samuel, b.1825; Zenas, b.1827; William, b.1828; James, b.1832; Mary Ann, b.1833 and Susan, b.1835.

Matthias, Jr. purchased 100 acres of land in McKean Township, Licking County, from his great-uncle, Matthias Denman, of Springfield, New Jersey for $40 on October 20, 1826. They sold this 100 acres to George Thurston in October 1831. On March 5, 1828, Matthias, Jr. purchased acreage in Hanover Township, Licking County, for $300 from James and Mary Harvey.

Samuel was a blacksmith, having learned the trade at Hall and Ward's of Newark, Ohio. When the Mexican-American War began, he enlisted in the 2nd Ohio Regiment in 1846. After the war he moved to Circleville around 1848 where he spent the remainder of his life. He married Susan Bechtel on April 25, 1849. Susan died in November 1852. Two children of this marriage died young. On October 30, 1853, Samuel married Charlotte Bechtel Birch. Charlotte was a sister of Susan and had 3 daughters from her first marriage: Julia, who married John McEwing; Mary, who married Daniel Morgan; and Emma, who married Peter Wagner.

Samuel worked as a blacksmith and later as a carriage maker in Circleville. He was treasurer of the Evangelical United Brethren Church when he died October 2, 1895. He is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

Children of Samuel and Charlotte were:

James Wesley, b. 10 October 1854, d. 31 August 1919, m. Hattie Belle Major in 1879. He was a city councilman and worked as Sears-Nichols Canning Company, Circleville.

George F., b. 10 June 1857, d. 1944, m. Mary Grice in 1880, was a carpenter.

William E., b. 10 June 1857, d. 23 September 1932, m. Clara Hines in 1878, was a grocer on E. Main Street, Circleville.

Charles H., b. 1859, d. after 1935, m. Jennie Clemon in 1879, was a blacksmith and painter.

Frank B., b. 1868, d. 1928 in Osborne, Kansas, m. Miliscent in 1893, was a banker.

Mary Ann, Samuel's sister, died in Circleville in 1853 and is buried in the High Street Cemetery, Circleville.

Children of James and Hattie Majors Denman were:

James F., b.1887, d.1971, m. Tessie Fowler in 1908, and worked at Sears Canning Company, Circleville. Their children were: Dorothy Grau and Nina Brown.

Robert S., b.1890, d.1980, m. Mary Mosher in 1915, a nurse. Robert was proprietor of Circleville Machine Shop. Their children were: James E., who was with the United States Army in World War II and the Air National Guard in Korea, and Ann, who married Gayle C. Wolfe, who was in the United States Army Air Corps and United States Air Force from 1942 to 1969 with service in North Africa in World War II, in Korea and in Vietnam.

Walter B., b.1895, d.1979, a grocer, m. Ruth Young, a teacher, in 1927. There were no children.

-Submitted by Ann Denman Wolf

DENMAN FAMILY

Elsewhere in this book is a history of the Denman Family that goes back to its beginnings in England. This history concentrates on the Denman's in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Samuel Denman was a blacksmith and learned his trade with Ball & Ward of Newark, Ohio. When the Mexican War broke out, he enlisted in 2nd Ohio Regiment and after the close of the war, around 1848, he came to Circleville, Ohio.

Samuel followed the blacksmith trade in Circleville, but also was a carriage maker. An 1876 Birdseye view of Circleville showed a Brobeck and Denman Carriage Works.

Samuel and his second wife had 6 children, one died in infancy, the other children were: James Westley, George F. (m. Mary Griest), and William E. (m. Clara Hines), Charles H. (m. Jennie B. Clemons) and Frank.

James Westley m. Alice Ella Glick. They had 2 children, Vaunie Catherine and Elmer Ellsworth. After her death, James married Hattie Belle Majors, daughter of Southy B. and Harriett E. Shaff Majors.

L to R: Ann Elizabeth Denman Wolf, Robert Samuel Southy Denman, Mary Priscilla Mosher Denman, James Elmore Denman.

James started out as a buggymaker, was then a grocer and became a night watchman at the Sears & Nichols Canning Factory. His last occupation proved to be his demise. While making his rounds he fell down an elevator shaft. He was found by another employee, was taken to his home on East Union Street in Circleville where he died about an hour later.

James and Hattie had 3 children.

James Franklin m. Tessa D. Fowler, daughter of Norman and Alice Runkle Fowler. They had 2 daughters, Dorothy Louise and Nina May.

Walter Bailey m. Ruth Ellen Young. She was the daughter of George C. and Martha Drake Young. Walter was a grocer and then was a Truant Officer with the Circleville City Schools. Ruth was a teacher in many locations in Pickaway County the last with Circleville City Schools. Each in their own profession and with their own commitment, impacted many children, however, they had no children of their own.

Robert Samuel Southy m. Mary Priscilla Mosher. Robert was a machinist and apprenticed

with W. C. Noggle. In 1921, he ventured out on his own and opened The Circleville Machine Shop. It was located on N. Pickaway St., across from the High St. School. Robert was well known for the ability to look at just about any part and produce a duplicate. His shop remained open until January 7, 1978. At the time that the shop closed it was still equipped with the original pulley and belt system.

Robert was very active in the Knights of Pythias and did not miss a Pumpkin Show that he remembered, during his lifetime.

Robert and Mary had two children: Ann Elizabeth (m. Gayle Christy Wolf). Their two children are Judith Ann, and Christy Lynn. James Elmore (m. Vivian Eleanor Dewey). She was the daughter of George and Alberta Clellen Dewey. They had one child, James Etienne. James Elmore followed in his Father's footsteps and is a machinist. He was in the Air National Guard, but worked year round as a civilian at Lockbourne (presently known as Rickenbaker) Air Force Base, near Columbus, Ohio. He worked on the aircraft for the 121st Air National Guard unit and was known to work on the aircraft that carried the Governor of Ohio. He later married Anna Lou Levering. She was the daughter of Pearl and Ethel Shipley Levering. They had 3 children: Linda Diane m. Dan Dennis, Stephanie Suzanne m. Stuart Sharpnack, Robert William Paul m. Denise Souders.

Linda and Dan had one child, Shawn James m. Angela King, they had one child, Kaitlyn Renee. He then married Kristy Keaton. They had two children: Trevor Keaton and Samantha Megan.

Robert and Denise had one child, Rachel Kay. She has 3 children: Anna Serena Pohlod, Haley Paige Ashton and Zoe Elana Ashton.

-Submitted by Stephanie Sharpnack

DANIEL DENNIS

A direct descendant of Donnock Dennis (who was born in 1645 in Galway, Ireland) Daniel Dennis was born in Worcester, Maryland on August 7, 1788 and was the son of Henry and Ann Lewis Dennis. Daniel married Nancy Pennewell in Maryland in 1809. To this union was born 10 children. The first 3 children (Emily, Margaret and Hester) were born in Maryland. He and his young family traveled to Ross County, Ohio sometime between 1818 and 1820. He possibly followed his uncle William Dennis, who arrived in Ross County in 1804. Daniel and Nancy had 7 children (Nancy, Betsy Elizabeth, Leah Amanda, David H., Henry, Mary Ann and Martha) while living in Ross County. After his wife died in 1858, Daniel moved to Monroe Township, Pickaway County, where he remarried. His second wife, Mary Hess, was 47 years his junior! He and Mary had 4 children (Josephine, Effie, George and Zilliah). Daniel's last child was born when he was 79 years old. Daniel died in Pickaway County on October 12, 1877. He was originally buried in Greenland Cemetery on Five Points Pike. His son, George, moved his father's remains to Pleasant Cemetery in Mt. Sterling. Mary Hess Dennis died in 1918 and is also buried in Pleasant Cemetery, along with 3 of their children. Monuments with Daniel's name are still located in both cemeteries.

-Submitted by Sue Dennis

DENNIS FAMILY

David H. Dennis was born in Ross County, Ohio on November 10, 1826. He married Minnie Funk (b. June 20, 1826 in Ross County) (d. April 29, 1901) and moved to Monroe Township, Pickaway County, Ohio with his father. He dealt largely in stock and farmed extensively, being the owner of 942 acres. He served as treasurer of Monroe Township. Surviving children listed at his death were William Taylor, Mrs. Nancy Downs and Mrs. Samantha Hill of Monroe Township and David Granville of Muhlenberg Township, Pickaway County. He died July 24, 1907.

William Taylor Dennis was born October 30, 1848. He married Rhoda, daughter of Seth and Margaret Hatfield, on December 13, 1870. He chose farming as a means of livelihood for himself and his family and lived on a farm until the death of his wife (December 23, 1916), after which he moved to Mount Sterling, Ohio where he lived until his death on November 11, 1925. They had five sons, David H., who died in early manhood, Seth Albert and Charles of the Five Points, Ohio area, and Elmer E. and Lawson of Columbus, Ohio.

Seth Albert Dennis was born December 20, 1873 in Muhlenberg Township. He married Mary (Mollie) daughter of Thomas and Mary Puckett Wheelen on February 28, 1896. They traded farms with another brother in order for their child, Ralph Milton, to attend school. He engaged in farming even after moving to Five Points. They were members of the Five Points Methodist Church and Star Grange. Married more than seventy years, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house, where more than 100 people were in attendance.

Ralph Milton Dennis was born June 7, 1902. He married Dorothy Marie, daughter of Frank and Alice Downs. He had joined his father in the farming and livestock operation and continued to farm after his parents moved to Five Points. He was a respected member of the community, often acting as an appraiser of surrounding farms. He was an active member of the Five Points Christian and the Five Points Methodist Church, serving as deacon and on many committees. Dorothy was president of Monroe Parent Teachers Association and Ladies Aide Society. They had one daughter, Judith Ann.

Judith Ann Dennis was born October 7, 1941 in Circleville. She was active in 4-H, graduated from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, taught in Pickaway and Clark County for 29 years, and received her Masters Degree from University of Dayton. She married David Lee Niggemeyer of Athens County, Ohio on April 6, 1963. Four children were born, Mary Ann (deceased), Vicki Lynn Wilson (David), David Lee (Leslie Bailey) and Lisa Ann Plank (Jeffrey). Vicki has two children, Amanda Lee and David Levi. David Jr. has three children, two, Emily and Hanna Marie, with Tamara Barcus Niggemeyer and a son, David Riley born to David and Leslie. Lisa has two children, Jeffrey Garrett and Skylar Jo. David and Judith returned to Pickaway County from Champaign County, Ohio to continue the farming operation, where they were joined by their son until the death of David Sr. on January 30, 2002. Judith remains in Pickaway County living in a log home built next to where she grew up on Dennis Road.

-Submitted by Judith Ann Dennis Niggemeyer

DENNIS (HENRY, TAYLOR AND GUY)

Henry Dennis was born in Ross County, Ohio on January 6, 1829. He was the 8th of 10 children born to Daniel and Nancy Pennewell Dennis. Henry married Clarissa Smith in Pickaway County on September 12, 1852. He and Clarissa had 10 children (6 boys and 4 girls, with 1 dying in infancy). The remaining children include, Emma, Daniel, Joseph, Clara, Henry G., Handy S. and Taylor. Henry died February 25, 1906 and Clarissa died July 30, 1909. Both are buried in Muhlenberg Cemetery in Darbyville, Ohio. Henry was a landowner and farmer.

Taylor Meade Dennis, son of Henry and Clarissa Smith Dennis was born August 23, 1872. He was the last of 10 children of Henry and Clarissa. Taylor married Althera Siniff on March 25, 1900. Taylor and Althera (Allie) had 3 children, Guy Edmund, Henry Clark and Geraldine Elizabeth. Allie Siniff Dennis died December 25, 1929. Taylor later married Ora Leach Highmiller, who moved to the Clifton Road farm with him. Taylor died January 15, 1946 and is buried with his first wife, Althera, in Muhlenberg Cemetery in Darbyville. Taylor was a landowner, farmer, raised livestock and was a life long resident of Monroe Township, born and died in the same house on Clifton Road.

Guy Edmund Dennis, son of Taylor and Althera Siniff Dennis was born December 26, 1900. He married Goldie Dawson Powers on September 1, 1934. Guy and Goldie had 3 children, George Dewey Powers, John Taylor (who died in 1944 at the age of 6 years) and Sue Carol. Guy was a landowner, farmer and raised livestock. He was the clerk of the Monroe School for 16 years and was Monroe Township trustee clerk for 5 years. He was instrumental in bringing zoning to Monroe Township and served on the original zoning board. Goldie was an avid quilter and made many quilts that her children and grandchildren with cherish. Guy died August 29, 1969 and Goldie died October 22, 2001. They are buried in Muhlenberg Cemetery in Darbyville, along with their son John.

-Submitted by Sue Dennis

THE DICKERSONS

Garland and Harriet Dickerson of Circleville had eleven children. Names available were: John Dickerson was a Methodist minister. John fought in the Civil War. Walter Dickerson was a Baptist minister. Sarah Dickerson married George Blake. They had two daughters, Alma and Essie, and also a son Charlie Blake. They lived in

Circleville, Ohio, but later moved to Columbus, Ohio. Arthur Howell Dickerson was a plasterer by trade in Circleville, Ohio. In 1889 he married Roberta Persavell Cole. They had one child, Ethel Wanita Dickerson. Ethel Wanita Dickerson was a life long member of St. Paul A.M.E. Church on Pickaway Street, Circleville. She graduated from Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio. Ellen Dickerson married a Mr. Garnes. They had a daughter, Harriet. Rupert Dickerson (no other information available).

THE SMITHS

Walter Jerome Smith married Ethel Dickerson. They had two sons, Walter Jerome and Kenneth O'Neil, also one daughter Loretta Evangeline. Walter Jerome Smith left Circleville to study medicine in Chicago, Illinois. He then moved to Tampa, Florida where he practiced as a medical physician. Loretta E. Smith graduated from Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio. Loretta composed a book of poems, that was published. The title was "A Pageant of Poems." She dedicated the poems to her family. She moved to Los Angeles, California. Walter Jerome Smith (a son of Ethel D. Smith and Dr. Walter Smith) departed this life when he was an infant. Kenneth O'Neil Smith was an engineer at the General Electric Company in Circleville, Ohio. He retired in 1985.

THE COLES

Robert Cole Sr. and his wife, Mary Ann Thomas, had five children: Roberta Cole, Sarah Cole, Mary Cole, Laura Cole and Robert Cole, Jr. Robert Cole Sr. was a veteran soldier and fought in the Civil War. He owned a blacksmith shop, and worked as a blacksmith on South Pickaway Street in Circleville, Ohio. It was across the street from St. Paul A.M.E. Church. He sold the shop and years later it was torn down. Residential houses are now there. James Cole lived in Circleville, Ohio. He had a wife and children (names unknown). Julius Cole married and had children (names unknown). Robert Cole, Jr. was a professional coronet player. He organized and directed a band. Roberta Persavell Cole was a school teacher in a small town below Chillicothe, Ohio. She married Arthur Dickerson. Sarah Cole played a violin. Mary Cole was a professional pianist. She gave piano lessons. Laura Cole was also a professional pianist. She gave piano lessons.

THE THOMASES

James Thomas, a brother to Mary Ann Thomas lived in Circleville, Ohio. John Thomas raised and sold vegetables. He married and had a daughter, Elizabeth Thomas Crouch. Julius Thomas married and had a son, Harry. Julius and family moved to Lima, Ohio. Harry Thomas, son of Julius Thomas, also moved to Lima, Ohio. Ellen Thomas was a sister to Mary Ann Thomas. She did nursing and service work in Circleville, Ohio. Ellen Thomas married a Mr. Irving. They had several children. Names available are: Palestine, Stella, Thaddeus and Theodosia.

THE IRVINGS

Palestine Irving was a carpenter by trade. Palestine (affectionately known as "Dump") never married. Stella Irving married a Mr. Smith. They had three children: Millicent, Mildred and Dwight. They left Circleville. Thaddeus Irving was a medical doctor. He married Della Stratton. They had a son, Robert Irving, and four daughters: Ellen, Barbara, Carolyn, and Mary. They left Circleville. Theodosia Irving married and had a daughter, Oma. Oma Irving moved to Chicago, Illinois.

-Submitted by Kenneth Smith

DILTZ

George Diltz was born in New Jersey in 1773 and was married to Sarah, who was born in 1777. They had three sons: Morris born in 1800, Joseph in 1804, and Lamon in 1810. They all three were born in New Jersey. Some time between 1810 and 1829, Lamon had moved to Ohio in Perry County. It is possible that George came to Ohio as he lived near or with Lamon at the time of his death.

The entries in the 1850 Census of Muskingum County, Ohio, show Morris Diltz (1800) of New Jersey, living there as a farmer with 1,000 acres. His wife was Pamlia (1799) from Virginia. At the time of the census, Morris was fifty years old and his wife was fifty-one. Their children were John Diltz (1825) (occupation: farmer with 2,000 acres), George W. (1833), Mary (1834), and Morris Jr. (1836). It appears John (1825) was the son of Morris and Pamlia.

The Census of 1850 showed that John was married to Della Rusena. Their children were Mary E. (1848), Elisa C. (1849), (after the Census of 1850), James Finley Diltz (1859), and Charles E. (1867). Based on the research, it indicates that John Diltz was my great grandfather, Morris Diltz was my great, great grandfather, and George Diltz was my great, great, great grandfather.

James Finley Diltz, my grandfather, married Ida Belle Tilton Diltz. She was the daughter of John Tilton and Margaret Walton Tilton. The couple moved to Pickaway County in the early 1900's with many of their children. At one time, six of their children were educated in district #6 in a one-room school located in Washington Township (see photograph).

The children of James and Ida Diltz were Thomas Dorris Diltz (1881), John Morris Diltz(s) (1882) (named after grandfather and great grandfather), Della Diltz Patrick (1884), Charles Franklin Diltz (1886), Jess Delano Diltz (1888), Elmer Finley Diltz (1889), Virgil Maxell Diltz (1892), Bessie Elizabeth Diltz Nace (1894), Noah Cecil Diltz (1896), Delmer Herman Diltz (1904), and Mabel Diltz Peters (1913).

Virgil Maxell Diltz, my father, married Mary Etta Reid Diltz, my mother, who was the daughter of Motis Reid and Celena Adeline Seitz Reid. The children of Virgil and Mary Etta Diltz were Retha Belle Diltz Eccard (1914), Mary Mininette Diltz (1917) (died as an infant), Ralph Virgil Diltz (1919), Alice Louise Diltz Clifton (1921), Ruth Ann Diltz Leach Grooms (1924), James Finley Diltz (1925), Clara Marie Diltz Dumm (1927), Marilyn Rose Diltz Zwayer (1932), Dale Lee Diltz (1934), Roger Maxell Diltz (1937), and Karl Wayne Diltz (1938).

In November of 1946, James Finley Diltz married Lottie Ann Diltz. Their only child is James L. Diltz who was born in the spring of 1948. James L. Diltz married Linda N. Diltz in 1972. The couple has two daughters, Leslie and Amy Diltz.

-Submitted by Jim Diltz

DOUNTZ

Frederick Dountz II, son of Frederick Dountz and Sarah Ackerly, was born 15 December, 1840 in Madison County, Ohio. He married Emaline Nigh, daughter of Samuel and Jane Nigh on 10 December, 1861 in Madison County. Emeline was born 4 January, 1841 in Fairfield County, Ohio. Frederick II was a farmer and owned 300 acres in Scioto Township, Pickaway County. He was elected a township trustee about 1930. Frederick and Emeline's children were: 1) Virgil Eugene, b. 1863, d. 1864; 2) Byron W. b. 1865, d. 1865; 3) Edwin Ellis b. 4 December 1866, d. 13 January 1945 in Pickaway County; 4) Willis Orville b. 5 November, 1817 and d. 13 December, 1953 in Pickaway County; 5) Jesse Filmore b. 26 July, 1874, d. 1929 in Pickaway County; 6) Charles Chester b. 1 April, 1877, d. 8 April, 1823. Mother Emeline died 25 March, 1919 and Father Frederick II died 11 January, 1930. They are buried in Madison County.

Willis Orville Dountz was born in Scioto Township in Pickaway County. He married 1) Ada Redman, 22 August 1893 and 2) Cora McPherson. He was elected to the Ashville Village Council in 1930 and was a township trustee about 1930. He was a farmer with about 500 acres in Scioto Township. He attended the Methodist church. Willis died 13 December, 1953 in Ashville, Ohio.

Willis and Cora had one son, Willis Orville, Jr., born 21 June, 1906.

Willis and Ada had a daughter, Elsie Claire, born 6 July, 1895. Elsie Claire married 1) Wade Gulick and 2) Lewis Stanley Beckett. She and Wade had 2 children, Nolo Wade, and Byron Dountz. Elsie and Stanley had one daughter, Ada Lou, born 12 November, 1927. Ada Lou married Arthur Deal Jr. on 28 June, 1946. They have 3 children, James, Jody and Jan and currently reside in Ashville.

-Submitted by Jan Deal Mulhern

JAMES DOWNS FAMILY

The Downs family of western Pickaway County came from Maryland ca. 1820 when Barnet (ca.1760) and his son James (ca.1800), settled in Deerfield Township, Ross County, Ohio, onto the Jacob Peck farm that extended into Deercreek Township, Pickaway County. James married Lydia Funk (1800-1843) in 1821.

James and Lydia's children were John T. (1820/24-1868), Frederick Barnet (1828), who migrated to Piatt Co., Indiana and died after 1880, William H. (1832-1891), Benjamin (1836-1860+), Isabelle (John) Hoskins (1842) and Melinda (1843-1860+). Children by his second wife Sarah Goddam were Mary (Lewis) Lemay (1846-1920) and Elizabeth Curl (1853). Many of his descendants were lifetime farmers and residents of Pickaway and nearby counties.

John T. and William H. married sisters Mary Francis and Minerva Lemay, respectively in 1848 and 1855. They were sisters of Lewis Lemay (1845-1912), above, and their grandfather, Charles, was great, great grandfather to 4-star General Curtis Lemay. John T. purchased a sizable farm west of Pherson in Monroe and Jackson Townships, Pickaway County, about 1855 where he and his brother William and father James and their remaining households resided until after 1870 and John's untimely death in 1868. James died after 1870, also.

Children of John T. were Lydia (Arthur) Milligan, John Milton (Christina Steele), Josephine (Joseph) Whiteside, James (Ella Graham), George W. (Lillian Timmons), Charles (Nancy Dennis), Harley (Lydia Douglas & Harriet Self) and Willis (Ida Belle Terflinger).

Children of William H. were Lewis (Ella Timmons) who removed to Bemont, Illinois, Matilda, John (Mary "Mollie" Bethard), Frank (Alice Bridgett Shaeffer), Cora Belle (Christopher) Cardiff, Mary (John) Heath, twins Charlotte and Elizabeth, Drucilla, William, also a twin, who married Martha Holt and Samuel.

John and "Mollie's" children were: Mary Ella (Elbert) McPherson, John Jr., Otto (Gladys Willoughby), Charlotte "Lottie" Waneta, Brenard E. "Ben", Lewis Plummer (Grace Miller), Ada Lena "Addie", Fitzhugh Lee (Elizabeth Hill), Basil Edward (Mabel Davis), Chester J. (Ona Beatty), Kathryn G. (Delano) Huffer. After farming for many years John Sr. purchased a store in Darbyville, Ohio in 1924. The unmarried children, Ben, Lottie and Addie operated the store after their father's death in 1944.

John Downs' children followed careers of agriculture, educators and sales. John Jr. of Darby Township and Ella McPherson (Hartman Farm & Muhlenberg, Monroe and Darby Townships) were farmers. Ella was very active in the WCTU and their son, John McPherson was a well-loved teacher and athletic coach at Darby High School, Derby, Ohio. Lottie and Addie were employed at Orient State Institute, Orient, Ohio, after selling the store in 1947. Plummer operated gas stations in Five Points, Ohio and Mt. Sterling, Ohio before moving to Columbus, Ohio in the 1930's where he was employed at Buckeye Steel. Ben, Lee and Basil were in sales. Chester (his wife, Ona, also a teacher) began a teaching career but changed to salesman for the Firestone Rubber Company until retirement. Kathryn made a lifetime career of teaching (Madison and Jackson Townships, Pickaway County, and Atwater Elementary School in Circleville).

-Submitted by Mary Ellen Downs

HENRY AND DANIEL DREISBACH

Henry Dreisbach, son of Martin and Anna Eve Dreisbach, was born in 1755 in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He married first Margaret Rimmel with whom he had 9 children. She is believed to have died before 1810. Henry married Mary, the widow of Joshua Hedges, 13 June 1811 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Henry died 28 September 1814 in Pickaway County.

The second son of Henry and Margaret was Daniel, born 28 May 1778 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Daniel married Catherine Dreisbach, born in Northamptom County, PA, 19 Nov. 1801 in Buffalo Valley, PA, now Union County, PA. After the formation of Pickaway County and Circleville, Daniel became City Director, a position he held until his death, 28 Sept. 1850. Daniel was ordered by the Court in 1810 to purchase land and to lay out streets at right angles in the middle of the circular area. Daniel and Catherine had 11 children, eight sons and three daughters. The eighth son, James Denny Dreisbach, was born 24 May 1816 in Circleville, Ohio. He moved to Little River, Baldwin Co., Alabama about 1843. There he married in Nov. 1844, Josephine Tate. They had thirteen children. The second son, Tait (Tate) Randolph enlisted as a private in Company F. 7th Regt. Ala Cavalry, June 4, 1863. He was accompanied by a negro slave. He was captured 16 Dec. 1864 near Nashville, Tennessee. He was sent first to a camp near Louisville, Kentucky and then transferred to Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1865. He died of pneumonia Feb. 14, 1865. Someone at the camp knew that Tate's aunt was Maria Dreisbach Olds of Circleville. She arranged for Tate to be buried on the family lot, Section 22, in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Maria's granddaughter, Carrie Olds Kidler, had a Confederate style gravemark placed on his grave in 1938.

A cousin, Mrs. Lois Dreisbach Davis of Mobile, Alabama, said that the negro servant returned to Alabama with Tate's horse, canteen and sword. She believed the sword to be in the families' possession, though she didn't know who had it.

-Submitted by Byron P. Gearhart

SAMUEL DRESBACH FAMILY

Samuel Dresbach was born 5 Dec. 1787 in Northumberland County, PA, the son of Jacob and Magdalena Buchs Dresbach. Eight sons, Martin, John, George, Samuel, Benjamin, Henry, Jonathan, and Jonas came with their widowed mother, Magdalena and three sisters to Pickaway and Ross Counties in 1811.

Samuel purchased a quarter of Section 35, in Township 11, Pickaway County, 7 Aug. 1812 at the land office in Chillicothe, Ohio. He served as a private in Capt. David List's Company of Ohio Militia from Pickaway County from July 28th to Sept. 6, 1813 in the War of 1812.

Samuel and Catherine Bauer Buchwalter were married in Berks Co., PA, 7 Sept. 1814. Catherine was the daughter of Abraham and Barbara Zeigler Bauer Buchwalter. Catherine B. Dresbach died 17 February 1842 and Samuel married Sarah Britton, 29 December 1842. Little is known about Sarah, she is named in Samuel's will written 3 January 1848. Samuel died 17 December 1849. He and Catherine are buried in the Dresbach Church Cemetery, Tarlton Road, Circleville, Ohio

The home of Samuel and Catherine Dresbach. Birth place of Jacob Buckwalter Dresbach.

Their fifth child, third son, Jacob Buchwalter Dresbach was born 25 February 1824 in Pickaway Co. He married Mary Brown Patterson 7

September 1852. She was the daughter of John Patterson and his first wife, Mary Finley, daughter of Major Joseph Lewis Finley and Jane Blair of West Union, Ohio. Major Finley was a member of the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line. Major Finley died in West Union, Ohio.

Jacob B. and Mary Petterson Dresbach's first child, was Thomas Floyd, born 21 November 1853 in Yellowbud, Ohio, where Jacob B. and his brother Martin ran a general store. Jacob B. and his oldest sons Floyd and Cliff helped build the levies along the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee. Jacob B. Dresbach died 6 December 1899 in Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Mary Dresbach died 18 December 1925 at the home of her daughter Lou Dresbach Bell, Tuscola, Illinois.

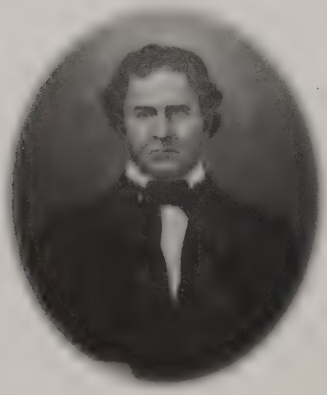
They were the parents of 12 children, 8 of whom became adults. The sixth child Helen Rosalta Dresbach, born 22 November 1861, married her second cousin, Gedeliah Dresbach, at Paris, Illinois, 22 October 1879. Ged was born 5 October 1847, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Harvey Dresbach. Ged and Rose returned to the Pickaway and Ross County area to raise their family. Ged was a school teacher and became a stock dealer after the teacher's salary would no longer support his large family. Ged died 8 December 1910 at the home of his son Richard F. Dresbach. Helen Rosaltha died 18 April 1948. They are buried in the Hallsville Cemetery.

This family is represented in Pickaway County by Richard F. Dresbach, 1883-1970, Warner L. Dresbach, 1890-1958, Judd Harvey Dresbach, 1896-1967 and their families. Their sisters, Mrs. Lucy Walters, Anna G. Dresbach and Mrs. Martha Heffner also lived in the county.

-Submitted by Sue Dresbach Gearhart

DRESBACH

The Dresbach/Dreisbach's have been in Ohio for 194 years, settling in Pickaway, Fairfield and Ross Counties.



Jonathan Dresbach, 1796-1861.

Martin, John, George, Samuel, Benjamin, Henry, Jonathon and Jonas were the sons of Jacob and Magdalena Dresbach and the grandsons of Martin I (1717-1799) and Anna Eve Hoffman. They came to the area from Union and Berks Counties, PA in 1811. Martin Dreisbach I, emigrated to America from Witgenstein, Germany, a part of Westphalia. They arrived on the ship "Queen of Denmark" in Philadelphia. On October 4, 1751, and they settled in Buffalo Valley, 4 miles west of Lewisburg, in Union County, PA. The family suffered great hardships during the Revolution. Martin and several of his sons rendered service to their country during the struggle. Martin I and Anna Eve Dreisbach gave 7 acres for a church and cemetery, near Lewisburg. The church is still active and many Dresbach/Dreisbachs are buried in the cemetery there. The church was the First Lutheran and Reformed Church of Buffalo Valley. The log church was replaced with a brick building in 1839 and was known as The United Brethren Church.

Jonathon (1796-1861) owned a lot as early as 1812 in Circleville, Ohio. He was one of the trustees and a co-editor of the "Religious Telescope", a United Brethren newspaper founded April 12, 1834. He brought a printing press to Circleville, which was, in 1845, moved to the U.B. Church basement on East Main Street and remained until 1853, when it was moved to Dayton. The heavy press was moved by canal boat to Columbus, Ohio to Xenia, Ohio by Railway freight and from there to Dayton, Ohio by wagon. The paper had a subscription of 3,000.

He became one of the first trustees of the Otterbein University of Ohio in Westerville. The University was chartered by legislature in 1849 and had 3 trustees from the Scioto Conference. They were Lewis Dean, Jonathon Dresbach and William Hanby. Three years before, on October 26, 1846, the Scioto Conference had met at the Bethlehem Church, located on the banks of Walnut Creek in Walnut Township, southeast of Ashville, Ohio. A delegation of Methodists came to the conference with an offer to sell their facility, called the "Young Men's Seminary," in Westerville to the United Brethrens. The conference voted to convert the place into a school of learning named in honor of a revered church leader, Philip Otterbein. A monument was erected close to the site of the Bethlehem Church to commemorate the historic Scioto Conference.

The brothers who came to Ohio in 1811 did not continue their parents' connection to the Lutheran Reformed Church, while the members who settled in Pickaway Township, later were active in the Evangelical Association.

In 1832, Jonathon gave half of the land on the north side of the Pickaway-Fairfield County line and his brother, George gave the other half of the land on the south side for a United Brethren Church and cemetery. The center aisle of the church is on the county line. The road was built around the church. It stands on the present Tarlton Road, southeast of Circleville. The church is still active. There are many Dresbach/Dreisbachs buried in that cemetery.

Jonathon was a conductor on the Underground Railroad. The 'Friends of freedom' and the Ohio Departement of Transportation have recognized him and others, with a plaque, which is in front of the 'Moore House' on South Court Street, Circleville.

Rev. John Dreisbach formed a class which later became the Ebenezer Church of the Evangelical Association, at Hayesville, Ohio near the center of Pickaway Township. He was the founder of the Evangelical Association in PA. He came to Ohio in 1831. The first meetings were held in the homes of members and afterwards in a log school house. Erection of the Ebenezer Church was in 1850. Rev. Dreisbach gave the ground for the church and cemetery and $1000 toward the building of the church.

Isaac E., a son of Rev. John, was a class leader and his son, Benjamin Franklin was Sunday School Superintendent for many years. Isaac's farm is currently the site of Braeburn Farm Bed and Breakfast.

Rev. John Dresbach (1789-1871), son of Martin II (1764-1831), came to Ohio in 1831 and settled in Pickaway Township. He is a cousin of the eight brothers, and a grandson of Martin I. A number of his descendants are in the area today.

Daniel Dresbach (1778-1850), who was the son of Henry (1755-1811), and a grandson of Martin I, laid out the lots for the town of Circleville about 1839. He was a cousin of the eight brothers and has no living descendants in the county.

Jonathon and Anna Susanna Eyestone had a child, William, born 1818, who married Elizabeth Jones. Their children were: Susan Ellen who married Henry Ranck; Miranda married James Morrison, and had 3 children, one of who was George William, a lawyer in Ashville; Aaron married Cynthia Pyle in 1869 and had 5 children. Aaron was killed, by a falling tree on Christmas Eve, 1882. His children were: Olive, who married Charles Spindler, and died in childbirth, leaving a daughter, in 1912; Ed married Rose Evans and had 2 sons and lived in Chillicothe; Elsie, who married Elmer Hines and lived on a large farm near Ashville. Elsie and Elmer had 8 children: Clara Creager, Grace Ellis, Helen, Vernon, Boyd, Bertha Kuhlwein, Glenn and Elmer; Clifton, who married Bertha Dunkle, a teacher from Vinton County. They lived in Ross County and moved to Harrison Township, Pickaway County in 1928. Bertha died in 1924. She and Clifton had 6 children: Helen who married Russell Bowsher of Ross County. Charles Dunkle who married Marcella Vaughan, a teacher in Ross County, and a daughter of N.A. Vaughan, an undertaker in Adelphi.

Charles and Marcella had 5 children: Charlene who married Ralph H. Woolever of Walnut Township. They had 5 children: Rachel, Karen, Byron, Crystal and JoAn, all graduates of Teays Valley High School. Mariruth, a teacher, who married Howard P. Seubert of Galion, Ohio and had 3 children: Stuart, Suzanne, and Steven. Jeneve, who married A.J. Swain of Columbus, Ohio. They had 1 daughter, Dawn Marquell. They are both deceased.

Vaughan Clifton, who married Joyce Winterhoff, a teacher and the daughter of Rev. Ernest

Winterhoff. They had 3 children: Eric, Norman and Janice Joy. Vaughan is a farmer in Walnut Township. Marcus Dunkle, a teacher who married Sharon Rader of Leipsic, Ohio. They had 2 children: Marsha and Brad. Sharon is deceased.

Other children of Clifton and Bertha were: Mary, a teacher who married Ralph Spence; Lela, a teacher who married David Pontious of Ross County; Marjorie, who married Paul Reed, and Louise, who married Clyde Eakin and had 4 children.

Effie, the youngest child of Aaron and Cynthis married Jerry Goodman of Chillicothe and had 5 children.

Louise, the youngest daughter of William and Elizabeth Jones, married James Scott Wood and had 3 children. William married a second time, to Elizabeth Hoover Frybach and had 3 children: William Hoover, Alfred and Milton Kellenberger Dresbach.

-Submitted by Ralph & Charlene D. Woolever

JOHN G. DRUMMOND FAMILY

John Drummond, born in 1941, and third son of Miley and Hazel Free Drummond, grew up on the family farm on Drummond Road (formerly Darbyville-Palestine) in Muhlenburg Township. He attended Darby Township School all twelve years of school and excelled in basketball. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 1965 with a B.S. in Education. In 1972 he received his master's degree. During this time he served his country as an enlisted man and eventually as an officer in the Ohio Army National Guard.

John married Rosemary Caplinger, the second born child to Albert Cecil and Hazel Armbrust Caplingter of Greenfield Road, Washington Court House. Rosemary was born in 1944, in Fayette County. Her brothers are Robert Lee, born 1940 and John Albert, born 1947. She attended Wilson Elementary School in Union Township for eight years then graduated from the Edward Lee McClain High School in Greenfield, Ohio. She went on to the Ohio State University and graduated in 1966 with a B.S. in Education. She was an elementary school teacher for five years before the children were born.

John and Rosemary made their home for 36 years (to date) on Dennis Road at the corner of the family farm. To this marriage were born three children: Nathan Eric in 1971; Jay Brian in 1974; and Lisa Ann in 1976. All three children graduated from Westfall High School.

Nathan graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1993. He pursued a career in the military for ten years as a weather officer. After leaving the military, he worked as a scientist at CACI in Dayton, Ohio.

Jay graduated in 1997 from the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He took a position with International Paper as an engineer, working in Clinton, Iowa, Sarasota, Florida, and Visalia, California.

Lisa graduated from the Conservatory of Music at Capital University with a B.M. in Musical Theater. She is working in the Columbus area.

Each child found his/her spouse in their local church and married in a formal church ceremony. On July 10, 1999, Nathan married Eileen Rebecca McCoskey, born in 1977, and daughter of James and Linda McCoskey of the Commercial Point area. They are the parents of Nolan James born in 2003. Eileen graduated from Cedarville College in 1999 with a B.M. in Music Education. She was an elementary music teacher in the Dayton area.

On November 22, 2003 Jay married Migon Ann Felker, daughter of Mrs. Beverly Johnsen of Portland, Oregon. Migon was born in 1962. Migon graduated from Portland State University. They reside in Visalia, California, where Jay works as a manager for International Paper and Migon is a sales executive for Summit Information Systems.

Lisa married Matthew Douglas Hamer on August 9, 2003. He was born in 1977 to Marty and Sue Hamer of McDonald, Ohio. Matt graduated from Cedarville College in 1999 with a B.A. in Business Administration. At present, he is pastor of children's ministries at Northwest Bible Church in Hilliard, Ohio.

John retired in 1996 from 30 years of teaching science, with the last 26 of those years at Grove City High School in the South-Western School District. He had previously taught at Finland Junior High School, Teays Valley High School, and Lancaster High School. He also farmed part time on a farm he purchased in 1977 from his mother. This farm near Bainbridge was his mother's home place and has been in the family since March, 1865.

Rosemary did some substitute teaching while the children were growing up as well as a 4-H advisor, youth leader at church and worked in parents' groups at school. She loved music as she studied piano for 9 years and organ for 3 years and used this ability as church pianist and organist at Welch Road Baptist (now Faith Baptist) Church for over 30 years.

-Submitted by Rosemary C. Drummond

LLOYD BENJAMIN DRUMMOND

Lloyd Benjamin Drummond (b. 4-22-1899 d. 7-9-1990) came to Pickaway County from Buckskin Twp., in Ross County and settled in Deercreek Township, Ohio. He was the eldest son of eleven children to Carson Edger (b. 12-14-1866 d. 6-4-1924) and Ella Jane Myers Drummond (b. 4-2-1876 d. 6-12-1937).

Lloyd married Margie Daugherty (b.10-10-1900 d. 4-9-1976) on 12-24-1929, she was the daughter of David Daugherty (b. 10-15-1872 d. 12-10-1901) and Lulu Dumm Daugherty Bennett (b. 12-26-1875 d. 12-7-1961) who were from the Tarlton area. Margie was the youngest of three girls and her sisters were Vira (Frank Valentine) and Marie (Oscar Davis). Margie graduated from Saltcreek School in 1921 and graduated from Wilmington College in two years and taught school in Ross County.

Lloyd and Margie first lived on a farm east of Frankfort on Westfall Road for three years. In 1932 they cash rented the J.P. Hunsicker Farm on the edge of Williamsport for $5.00 per acre. He farmed there until 1937. In 1935 he purchased a 335 acre farm on Hayne's Mill and Clarksburg Pike (Deercreek Twp.) near Clarksburg for $49.00 per acre. This road is now S.R. 138.

They had two sons: Paul Eugene (b. 4-18-1933) and David Carson (b. 2-18-1935). They raised livestock and grain. Lloyd and his sons were also owners of Scioto Oliver Inc. in Chillicothe, Ohio selling hardware, tractors and lawn mowers and repairs. David retired on December 4, 1999 after thirty years and then the building was sold.

John G. Drummond family at Jay & Migon's wedding. November 22, 2003.

First row: Sandy Adams, Marabel Drummond, David Drummond, Joy Sharrett. Second row: Kyle Adams, Kory Adams, Connie Angles, Amanda Angles, & Paul Sharrett. Third row: Tom Adams, D.J. Angles, Michael Angles, Joe Angles, Nick Sharrett.

Having failing eyesight Lloyd died on the farm after getting lost and dying from heat stroke and Margie died at home from cancer. They are buried in Forrest Cemetery in Circleville.

Paul married Louise May Clark on 11-21-1954. They have four children: Donald (Susan Green), Jerry (Louann Acton), Susan (Matt Glandon), and Karen (Jay Pawloski). All but Karen are living on the family farm with their families.

David married Marabel Kay Bode (b. 12-4-1935) on 6-10-1956. She was the daughter of Doyen (b.6-8-1915 d. 3-8-1988) and Kathleen Weston Bode (b. 7-5-1910 d. 2-2-1999) of Adelphi Ohio. David and Marabel have three daughters: Connie Sue (b. 8-3-1957) who married Larry Joe Angles (b. 6-27-1956) on October 28, 1979. He is the son of Charles Benard Angles (b. 4-2-1909 d. 11-1-1981) and Mary Evelyn Stump Angles (b. 10-21-1921 d. 7-18-1999) from Monroe Township. They have three children: David Joseph Benard (D.J.) (b. 5-20-1983), Michael Branon (b.11-18-1985) and Amanda Kay (b. 3-12-1987). Joe and D.J. are farming on the family farm. Connie works at Westfall Elementary.

Sandra Kay (b. 4-24-1961) married Thomas Wayne Adams (b. 10-11-1960) on 9-19-1981. He is the son of James (b. 12-18-1918 d. 12-10-1984) and Edna Williams Adams (b. 5-26-1919) from Monroe Twp. Their two sons are Kyle Thomas (b. 6-9-1990) and Kory Wayne (b. 4-28-1992), they live on the edge of the farm on S.R. 138 near the Ross county line and have restored her grandparent's home. Sandra and Thomas work in Columbus at State Teacher Retirement (STR).

Joy Lyn (b. 5-16-1968) marred Paul Richard Sharrett (b. 2-23-1962) on 12-24-1995. He is the son of Jon Sharrett (b. 2-4-1939) and Glenna McCabe Sharrett Walker (b. 9-26-1941). His son is Nicholas Raynor (b. 9-5-1985). They also live on S.R. 138 near the farm. Joy is a teacher at Westfall and Paul is a surveyor.

-Submitted by David Drummond

MILEY A. DRUMMOND FAMILY

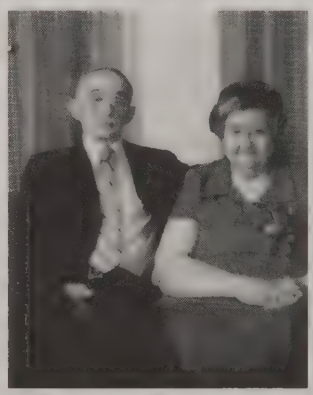
Miley Drummond and his wife Hazel came to Pickaway County around 1934 to farm a rented farm on Thompson Road in Deercreek Township.

Miley was born near Grain Valley, Missouri on October 7, 1908. His father, Carson Edgar Drummond, born December 14, 1866, and mother Ella Jane (Myers) Drummond, born April 2, 1876, had moved their family in 1905 from Ross County, Ohio to a farm near Lees Summit, Missouri owned by Carson's Uncle David Drummond. In 1911 Carson moved his family to a farm he bought on Turkey Ridge near South Salem in Ross Coumty, Ohio. This farm is still owned by Drummonds. It was on this farm that Miley and his five brothers (Lloyd, Floyd, Charles, George, and Clarence) and five sisters (Bertha, Genevieve, Ida, Winifred, and Ruth) grew up. As a young man Miley farmed, hunted and trapped fur bearing animals, and ran a threshing run in the area from South Salem to Greenfield.

Miley's great-great grandfather Benjamin

Miley Drummond and his team of mules. Taken in the late 1960's.

Drummond Sr. was born July 23, 1775 in New Jersey near Philadelphia. Benjamin, a stone cutter, moved into Philadelphia where he married Mary Ann Kerns (Carnes) in the St. George Methodist E. Church on December 21, 1797. Sometime between 1808 and 1810 Benjamin moved his family to 400 acres of land he bought on Smith Lane near Londonderry, Ross County, Ohio. This farm eventually came into the ownership of the youngest of Benjamin's eight children, William K. Drummond, born August 28, 1818, who was Miley's great grandfather. The oldest of William K. Drummond and Ruth (Cox) Drummond's seven children was Benjamin K. Drummond, born October 31, 1839 in Ross County. Benjamin K. Drummond and Winifred S. (Cox) Drummond had seven children, the oldest child, Carson Edgar Drummond, being Miley's father. Benjamin K. Drummond's farm was on the south side of U.S. 50 near Walnut Creek, east of Chillicothe, Ohio. Benjamin Sr., William K., Benjamin K., and their wives are buried in the Concord Methodist Church Cemetery on U.S. 50 east of Chillicothe.



Miley A. and Hazel L. Drummond on 50th wedding anniversary. Jan 1986.

Miley's wife Hazel Leona (Free) Drummond, born September 16, 1908, grew up on a farm on SR 41 near Bainbridge, Ross County, Ohio. The farm is currently owned by her son John and his wife. Hazel had a twin sister Ruth who died in infancy and two half sisters, Mabel (Free) Coffman and Ethel (Free) Sexton. Hazel's parents were William A. Free and Anna Leona (Poole) Free, grandparents were Nathaniel Free and Charity (Parker) Free, great grandparents were George Free and Hannah Free, and great great grandparents were Frederick Free and Polly. They were all farmers in the western part of Ross County. Frederick Free was born about 1755 in Germany. He was brought to America as a Hessian soldier by the British Government to fight against the American Colonists. He deserted the British armed forces and espoused the American cause. He and his wife Polly lived in Virginia and Pennsylvania before moving in about 1810 to a farm near Lyndon, Ross County, Ohio.

Miley A. Drummond married Hazel Leona Free on January 26, 1934. In 1935 they were farming a rented farm on Thompson Road in Pickaway County when their first child, Robert Lee, was born on April 14, 1935. In January of 1935 Miley and Hazel bought a 286-acre farm on what is now Drummond Road in Muhlenburg and Darby Townships. Miley and Hazel spent 1936 living on a farm on SR 138 owned by Miley's brother Lloyd. Miley worked for his brother Lloyd on his farm during the daytime and spent many a night working ground on his newly acquired farm by hanging lanterns on his Oliver Hart Parr tractor. On November 11, 1936 their second son Gene Alfred was born. A week later Miley and Hazel moved their young family to their newly acquired farm. It was here that Miley and Hazel lived out their lives raising six sons: Robert Lee (married Patricia Hott), Gene Alfred, John Gary (b. 1941, married Rosemary Caplinger, had children Nathan, Jay, and Lisa), Roger Dean (b. 1942, married Barbara Blue, had children Kimberly and Angela), Kenneth Allen (b. 1946), and Curtis Edgar (b. 1948, married Leanna Chester, had daughter Kelly; second wife Gail Ebert; third wife Irene Conley Morrow). Hazel died December 19, 1990, and Miley died May 11, 1994. They are buried in the Muhlenburg Township Cemetery at Darbyville. Their granddaughter Angela and her husband Robert Engle and two sons now live on part of the farm.

In addition to farming during the late 1930's, Miley was the separator operator on threshing runs in the area south of Derby. During WWII Miley witnessed the double-cylinder Feerless steam engine get cut up for scrap to aid the war effort. By 1942 Miley was using a tractor and combine to harvest small grain. Corn was still shocked and the ears shucked out during the fall and winter. Loose hay was put in the hay mow. The wheat drill was pulled by three or more horses. Miley continued to plant corn until 1954 with a two row John Deere planter pulled by a team of horses. In 1954 Miley acquired a new Minneapolis Moline tractor and a new Massey Harris 26 self-propelled combine. Earlier he had bought a new Massey Harris self-propelled corn picker. In 1952 and 1954 Miley bought farmland on Dennis Road in Monroe and Muhlenburg Townships. In January 1955 Miley took delivery of a new D-6 Caterpillar which was used to clear land and pull an eight-bottom plow. During the 1950's Miley started acquiring a collection of old farm equipment including an A.D. Baker 23-90 steam engine, 25-50 Baker tractor and 30 inch

Baker separator. Eventually he and his sons had six steam engines and several old tractors, clover hullers, separators, binders, wagons, etc.

Miley loved to work his team of horses pulling sled loads of hay out to the field for the cattle and to pull wagons, quite often to pick up rocks in the fields. As Miley's health began to fail he bought a span of small mules which he worked until the early 1980's. Miley was also well known for raising and selling Little Red Clover seed. Miley and his sons used some of their old equipment to put on threshing demonstrations and to put on displays at old thresher shows. In 1975 and 1976 they were one of two farm families in Pickaway County to host celebrations of the United States Bicentennial. Demonstrations of many early farm activities were put on with the help of many people from Pickaway County.

Regarding the lives of their six sons. Robert farmed and owned the Drummond Land Clearing business. He died in the crash of his helicopter in 1976. Gene, Roger, Kenneth, and Curtis farmed together. Roger died in 1986, Kenneth died in 1988, and Gene died in 2003. John taught science in junior and senior high schools for thirty years and farmed part time. John and Curtis live on Dennis Road in Monroe Township.

-Submitted by John G. Drummond

STEPHEN & WILHELMINA DUCHMAN FAMILY

Stephen and Wilhelmina Duchman came to Pickaway County with Stephen's brother, John, from Mifflin (now Juniata) County, Pennsylvania about 1817. They were two of eight children of Barbara Medler of Berks County and Stephen Duchmann, an immigrant from the Alsace region of Germany. Stephen II, born 10 August 1775 in Buffalo Township, Northumberland (now Union) County, Pennsylvania, his wife Wilhemina Hassinger, and at least 4 children settled in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County. Stephen paid the Pickaway County Levy tax from 1818 until 1825. With the exception of 1820 when he was in Pickaway Township, he was listed in Saltcreek Township for the levy tax. He has not been found in the 1820 census.

Although a farmer, he apparently never owned land in Pickaway County. He bought land in Wyandot County in 1822 and moved his family there about 1826. The family name became Dukeman. His son Stephen moved his family on to Illinois about 1853, and son George moved his family to Hillsdale County, Michigan in1866. Their descendants still use the Dukeman spelling.

No proof has been found, but much circumstantial evidence indicates that Susannah, born 2 October 1799, and Elizabeth, born about 1803, were daughters of Stephen and Wilhelmina Duchman. Susannah Duchman married Jacob Drum 10 August 1819, and Elizabeth married James Mallow 2 February 1826, both in Pickaway County. A farmer, James Mallow bought 160 acres in Seneca County near McCutchenville in 1828 and his family lived there until about 1864 when they moved to Hardin County.

Jacob Drum, born 27 December 1797 in Berks County, Pennsylvania to Henry and Barbara Drum, bought some of his father's land in Pickaway and Fairfield counties from his siblings in 1818. He farmed in Saltcreek Township near brother Henry until he bought land near McCutchenville in both Crawford (now Wyandot) and Seneca counties in 1828. Jacob farmed with Stephen Dukeman and his sons. The Drums left daughters Elizabeth Drum Warner and Lucinda, daughter-in-law Elizabeth Reigle Drum (wife of Elias), and probably children Stephen, Henry, and Martha with Stephen and Wilhelmina Dukeman in the McCutchenville Lutheran Cemetery before they moved to Franklin County, Kansas in 1858. Five of their remaining eight children went with them. They were Elias, George, Melinda, John, and Daniel. Elmena "Meany" Drum Curtis and Mary Drum Frederick stayed in Seneca County after their family left for Kansas.

-Submitted by Jennifer Brickner-York

JOHN & ELIZABETH DUGHMAN FAMILY

John Duchman, born in Pennsylvania about 1791, accompanied his brother Stephen's family to Pickaway County, Ohio about 1817. He lived in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, and paid the County Levy from 1818 until 1821. By 1830 when he was listed in Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, he and Elizabeth (unknown) had seven children. He has not been found in the 1820 census. In 1840, John and Elizabeth had nine children and were living in Perry Township of Fairfield (now Hocking) County, Ohio. The 1847 Enumeration of White Males in Fairfield County listed John, Jonathan, and Joseph Dughman.

Sometime before 1850, something tragic happened to this family. John vanished, and Elizabeth, aged 50, remained in Perry Township while Dughman/Doughman children were living with various Pickaway County families. These were probably children of John and Elizabeth.

Stewart Dughman lived with the Charles Stumpf family in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, in 1850. He married Eliza J. Mouner in 1854, and they had five children – George, John Arthur, Jane, Stewart D., and Aaron – before Eliza's death. She died before 1870, and in that census, Stewart and the children were spread among various households. Stewart lived with the John Strouse family. Elizabeth Cook married Stewart in 1872, and the family was intact again in 1880 in Saltcreek Township. Stewart died in Laurelville, Hocking County in 1895. They had children Nicholas, Arthur Cleveland, Bertha Marie, and Rosa L. Dughman. John farmed with his brother. Stewart who never married. George moved to Hancock County, Ohio and Aaron lived in Hocking County.

Stephen Dughman married Elisa, daughter of Charles and Mary McClain in 1844. The 1850 Edgar County, Illinois census lists the Charles McClane family including Hannah E. Doogman, age 4, born in Pickaway County, Ohio. Nothing further has been found about Stephen and Elisa.

Matilda Dughman married George, son of John and Nancy Groves Drum, in 1855. He was a farmer in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, until they moved to Laurelville, Ohio by 1880. Children were John, Lewis, Martha, Amanda, and Sarah.

Martha Dughman married Jacob, son of John and Hannah Marke Friece in 1860. Jacob was a farmer, and they had children George, Daniel, and Ira Marcus. Ira married Flora B. Hosler.

Mary Dughman was born in 1837 and was buried in Stumpf Cemetery, Pickaway County, when she died in 1859.

Minerva J. Dughman, born about 1841, married Henry Lutz in Pickaway County in 1860. They had children Daniel, Charles E., Jennetta, Ira M., Amanda, and Emma E. before Henry's death in 1871. She married Otis B. Shoemaker in 1879, but he died in 1882.

In addition, Jonathan, who married Matilda Cox in Fairfield, Elizabeth who married Daniel Defenbaugh in Hocking, as well as Joseph Dughman who went north with Stephen Dukeman and Jacob Drum, were probably children of John and Elizabeth.

In 1860, John Dughman lived with Daniel and Elizabeth Dughman Daufenbaugh in Illinois while Elizabeth Toughman remained in Perry Township, Hocking County. In 1870, she lived next door to George and Matilda Dughman Drum in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Ann Brickner

WILLIAM DUM FAMILY

William Dum's parents were Aaron and Esther (Adams) who married July 21, 1847 in Pennsylvania. They came to Ohio in 1852-3. They had five children: Daniel, Elizabeth, Levi, Cyrus and William.

Daniel was born October 27, 1848. His death November 10, 1882, was the first in the Scioto Commandary since it's organization in Pickaway County. Daniel's burial was the first in this country at which the Templa's burial service had ever

William Dum Family.

been performed in full with sixty swords.

Elizabeth was born December 9, 1849 in Pennsylvania. She married Henry S. Kiger. Elizabeth died in 1922.

Levi was born January 25, 1852 in Pennsylvania. He married Christina Hannah Nothstine on January 10, 1877. Levi died April 9, 1917.

Cyrus was born October 11, 1853 in Ohio. He died December 30, 1928. He was married to Mineavia (Fellows) then to Alma (Barrington).

William, the youngest child, was born on April 12, 1855. He married Mary Ida Shoemaker on April 18, 1886. Ida was born April 23, 1868, the daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Spangler) Shuemaker. William was a farmer from a very young age, helping his brother and mother when his father served in the Civil War. William and Ida raised five children: Oscar, Roy, Blanch, Florence, and Homer, on a farm in Pickaway County. William died November 18, 1925. Ida died February 20, 1943. They were both buried at Reber Hill Cemetery in Pickaway County.

Oscar was born May 2, 1887. He died October 5, 1972. He married Edna (Moorehart) on February 4, 1911. They had one child, Clarence, who married Sylvia Louise (Congrove).

Roy was born September 29, 1889. He died January 10, 1899.

Blanche was born September 29, 1889. She died January 1972. She married Jacob Scieser on November 28, 1912. They had three children: Louise married Guy Leatherwood, Esther married Larry McBride and William Jacob, who died at a young age.

Florence was born January 13,1896. She died September 6, 1993. She married Boyd Rife on October 25, 1913. They had six children: Esther, Loyd, Mabel, Dwight, Betty and Margaret.

Homer was born May 6, 1906. He died November 9, 1940. Homer was married to Mary Ruth (Young) on December 16, 1925. Mary died April 13, 1939. Homer and Mary had one son, Frederick Ervin Dumm. Homer remarried Gwendolyn (McCollister) on February 26, 1940. Homer and Gwendolyn had one son, Boyd Rife Dum.

Frederick was born March 11, 1927. He married Martha (Eschbaugh) on December 27, 1950. They have four children: Michael married Helen (Iser), Bonnie married Terry Keaton, Darlene married James Vanover and Ervin Foster, married and divorced.

Boyd Dum was born December 12, 1940, after the death of his father, Homer. Boyd married Marie (Harris) Dum on September 11, 1965. They have five children: James, Douglas, Gary-Lee, and twins, Brian and David.

James was born January 19, 1967. He married Rhonda (Arnold) Dum on November 17, 1999. Rhonda has two children, Kevin and Michael, from a previous marriage.

Douglas was born September 15, 1968. He died April 20, 1981 from a bicycle accident.

Gary Lee was born on June 22, 1973. He died September 20, 1973 of prematurity.

Brian was born August 31, 1974. He married Kimberly (Diehl) on July 31, 1999. They have two children, Mason and Carson.

David was born August 31, 1974. He married Amy (Garner) on August 2, 1997. They divorced June 21, 2003.

-Submitted by Boyd & Marie Dum

WILLIAM DUMM FAMILY

William Dumm (b. 5-28-1852 d. 12-29-1953 – 101 years old) was born in Colerain Twp. Ross County, to Daniel B. Dumm (b. 8-28-1827 d. 10-5-1927 – 100 years old) and Susannah Cave (b. 6-20-1834 d. 9-6-1925). William was the eldest of 13 children, 11 brothers and 2 sisters and he was a farmer. Daniel was the son of Christopher (b. 7-25-1788 d. 2-8-1853) and Mary Magdalene (Polly) Straser (b. 5-7-1792 d. 10-20-1853) married 4-9-1811. Christopher was the son of Peter Dumm (b. 9-27-1754 d. 4-20-1837) and Maria Catharine Drumm (b. 3-19-1766 d. 8-3-1854) married on 10-1-1785. Maria was the daughter of George A. and Catharine (Strasser) Drumm.

William married Mary Elizabeth Myers (b. 8-5-1851 d. 8-25-1897) on March 18, 1875. Mary was the daughter of Samuel Myers (b. 1-16-1814 d. 4-25-1886) and Elizabeth Consoliver (b. 3-19-1825 d. 4-26-1901). Samuel and Elizabeth

Dumm Decendents. 1st row: Louise Clark Drummond, Paul Drummond, David Drummond, Ronnie Davis, Bob Valentine, Bette Valentine. 2nd row: Marabel Bode Drummond, Mary Davis Bobb, Reba Davis, Jean Davis Burkett, Mike Burkett, Martha Davis Johnson.

are buried in Meade, Ohio at the Salem Church. They were farmers.

William and his wife Mary had two daughters: Lula (b. 12-26-1875 d. 12-8-1961) Dumm Daughtery (David)/and Bennett (Floyd) and Ursa May (b.2-2-1879 d. June 1958). Dumm Fox (Berton David) (b. 12-8-1880 d. October 1959).

Mary suffered from heart problems and while returning home from a family visit at her brother-in-law George Dumm's there was a tragic accident. William and Mary were in one buggie with their daughter Lulu's baby and Lula and Ursa were in another buggie. The harness broke on the daughters' buggy and the daughters screamed and alerted the father there was trouble. William being strong and fearless jumped from the buggy and caught the horse, as it was about to run by, with such a quick stop that the daughters were pitched out of the buggie by the momentum. Miss Ursa fell upon her head and the force caused unconsciousness. Mary, carrying the baby in her arms, reached her daughter's side, she attempted to arouse her by repeated calls. About this time William came up when Mary exclaimed with all the agony and fright she could impare, "Look Father, Ursa is dead," then dropped the baby from her arms and fell forward upon her daughter's body.

William though his wife had only fainted from fright. After a few minutes trying to revive her and when the attempts failed, did he realize that the end had come for her. Ursa later recovered from her injuries. Mary was buried at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Kingston, Ohio.

William Dumm later married on July 2, 1899 Daisy Alice Harpster (b. 3-8-1879 d. 4-23-1948). This union had four children: Lloyd, Leona (Wayne Stonerock), Ina (William Toole) of Ashville, and Altha, never married.

Daughter Lula was married on August 29, 1894 to David Daughterty (b. 10-15-1872 d. 12-19-1901). He was the son of George W. Daugherty (b. 1839 d. 1924) and Matilda A. Scott (b. 1847 d. 1921). Lula and David had three daughters.

Lula's marriage was short to David for on December 19, 1901 his young life of 29 years was cut short by an accidental shot. He and eleven other men and one 13 year old, Roy Miller, were at a belling for newlyweds Bert D. Fox and Ursa Dumm, David's sister-in-law. They were given guns to shoot off at the charivari over the house.

When Roy Miller entered the yard his gun accidentally discharged and the entire load of buckshot entered the right side of David. David was in front of Miller and dropped and cried, "I am shot." He was carried into the house and the doctor was summoned but the contents of the gun had passed through the lungs, he died in about one hour. His daughters were all under the age of four. Lula moved in with her father.

David and Lula's daughters were 1. Vira Ethel (b. 1-17-1897 d. 12-4-1966) (Frank Raymond Valentine)(b. 12-25-1895 d. 8-6-1944) married on August 12, 1919. Vira and Frank's children are Robert (Bob) married to Patricia Heery and then Betty Preston Miller of Grove City. Bob and Pat's children are Mark and Janet (adopted). Marian (Richard Dick Edwards) who have three daughters and a son and Richard (Judy Bennett) who have a son. Vira and Frank are buried in Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus,

and Richard's ashes are in California. 2. Marie May (b.1-9-1899 d. 11-23-1989) married Oscar James Davis (6-9-1892 d. 3-18-1976) on June 15, 1921. Their children are Marvin (Phyllis) who live in Florida, no children; Jean (Mike Burkett), of Dayton, two children: Mike Boude and Judy Jobst; Ronnie (Reba Downing); Mary (Lowell Bobb) of Chillicothe, Ohio have four sons: Lowell Edward (Eddie), Kenny, Gary and James; and Martha (Floyd Johnson) of Columbus, daughter Debbie (adopted). 3. Margie (b. 10-13-1900 d. 4-9-1976) married Lloyd Drummond (b. 4-22-1899 d. 7-9-1990) on December 24, 1929. Their children are sons: Paul Eugene (Louise Clark) and David Carson (Marabel Bode). Paul and Louise's children are Donald (Susan Greene), Jerry (Lou Ann Acton), Susan (Matt Glandon), and Karen (Jay Pawloski). David and Marabel's children are Connie (Joe Angles), Sandra (Tom Adams), and Joy (Paul Sharrett). All are living in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County but Karen, who lives in Beverly, Ohio.

Lula later married on December 3, 1908 to Floyd Bennett (b. 9-26-1886 d. 12-18-1968) son of Harvey and Lula Francis Bennett of Vinton County, Ohio. This marriage lasted 53 years and six children were born but none ever survived over three months, most just days.

They made their home on State Route 159 near Tarlton, Ohio. Floyd worked for a while with Pickaway County Engineers. They are buried in Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ohio. There are five generations in that cemetery as of 2005. 1. Daniel Dumm, Susannah Cave Dumm, 2. William Dumm, Mary Myers Dumm,Daisy Harpster Dumm, 3. David Daughtery and Lula Dumm Daughtery Bennett and Floyd Bennett, Leona (Dumm) and Wayne Stonerock, and Altha Dumm, 4. Marie and Oscar Davis and 5. Lowell Bobb and Floyd Johnson.

-Submitted by Joy Drummond Sharrett

JOHN LEWIS DUNKLE FAMILY

John Lewis Dunkle was born January 26, 1876, in Pickaway County, Ohio; he was the son of Lewis and Rebecca Merriman Dunkle. Bertha Mae Barnes was born July 21, 1881 in Ross County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Thomas and Adeline McManus Barnes. John and Bertha were married July 26. Mr. Dunkle worked as a tenant farmer in the county. He farmed the Carpenter farm in Darbyville, Ohio; the Leist farm in Washington Township, Pickaway County; and other farms in the county. In the early 1940's they moved to Circleville buying their first home at 163 Walnut Street from Asa and Retta Barthelmas on April 6, 1944 for a sum of $3000. Mr. Dunkle lived there until Mrs. Dunkle's death on February 12, 1965. She was at that time a resident of the Circleville Home & Hospital (known today as Brown Memorial Home) Circleville, Ohio. Mr. Dunkle died September 11, 1969 at the home of his son.

On October 8, 1965, a deed transferred that property to the Circleville First Church of the Nazarene for $7,500. They subsequently tore down the house, garage and barn and constructed a new church. On August 17, 2000, this property and several adjoining parcels were transferred to Brooks Yates Center Diversified Opportunities Inc.

L to R: Tiffany Russell, Barbara Hart, Megan Smith, Lisa Russell, Tyler Russell. Scioto River at Canal Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunkle were the parents of one son, Nolan A. Dunkle and three daughters, Josephine Riegel, Gladys Clary and Minnie Bowman. Nolan married Bessie L. Hockenberry from Chillicothe, Ohio and remained a Pickaway County resident. For a time they both worked at the Pickaway County Children's Home. He served as Circleville's Parking Meter attendant under Chief of Police Ben Temple. Bessie worked as a sales clerk at the W.T. Grant Company on West Main Street, Circleville. They had no children.

John and Bertha are survived by many family members who are residents of Pickaway County, including great-great-great grandchildren Tiffany Rene Russell & Tyler Anthony Russell. An interesting note; Tiffany Russell and great, great, great, great grandmother Adaline McManus Barnes share the same birthday, February 22.

-Submitted by Barbara K. Hart

DUNLAP

John Dunlap was born in Virginia in 1738. He was the eldest son of Captain Alexander Dunlap who was a descendant of an old Scottish clan. John Dunlap was exploring southern Ohio in 1776 and purchased some land including what is now Frankfort, Ohio. He married Anne Clark (a kinswoman of General George Rogers Clark), who was also of Scottish descent. John died in 1804. John Dunlap II was born in Virginia in 1770. In 1802 he married Dorcas Dowell in Augusta County, Virginia. The couple moved to Ohio in 1825. Their son, John Dunlap III, was born in 1811 in Virginia. He married Mary Ann Minear (1818-1879) and died in Ohio in 1879.

The oldest son of John and Mary Ann Dunlap was Samuel Wesley Dunlap. Samuel was born in 1841 and died in 1927. In 1871 he married Mary E. Hyde. It was Samuel who used to bring the herd of cattle from Ross County to Monroe Township in Pickaway County to graze. The Dunlaps had been known for their interest in and expertise with cattle. Samuel and Mary moved to Monroe Township and lived in a log house, until the existing brick house was built. Samuel was instrumental in forming and building the Williamsport Methodist Church in Williamsport, Ohio.

Samuel and Mary had three children: Flora Dunlap (1872-1952) was the eldest. She graduated from the Columbus School for Girls and later went to Chicago to work with Jane Addams in the Hull House. She traveled extensively in Russia and Europe. She started a settlement house in Des Moines, Iowa and was a good friend of Henry Wallace and active in politics in Des Moines. She never married and in later years retired to Circleville, Ohio to be near her brothers and nephew and his wife, Jack and Ellen Dunlap.

The third child of Samuel and Mary Dunlap was Samuel Arthur Dunlap. Arthur, as he was known, was born in 1879 (died 1959) and lived in the "home place" in Monroe Township. He had a registered herd of shorthorn cattle and was a devoted farmer. In 1911 he married Margaret Ann Peters and they had one child who died in infancy.

The second son was John Hyde Dunlap or "Senior" as he was known in the community. John was born in 1876 (died 1953) in Monroe Township. After high school he attended The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio and played on the football team where his first cousin, Renick Dunlap, was the captain. He married Altha Marie Bitzer (daughter of Judge and Mrs. George Bitzer) of Chillicothe, Ohio in 1904. Marie was born 1883 (died 1948). She graduated from Chillicothe High School and then attended Goucher College in Baltimore, Maryland. Marie was a talented musician and a real leader in the Williamsport Methodist Church. John was a grocer in Williamsport for a short time and it was in Williamsport that John Hyde Dunlap Jr. was born on May 9, 1905 (died 1985). John Senior soon grew tired of the grocery business and moved to a farm purchased on Route 22 in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County. John Senior raised cattle and hogs and became well-known for his mule-foot hogs. Documents show

Photo taken in 1912. Samuel Wesley Dunlap and his only grandson, John H. Dunlap, Jr.

that he sold the hogs and shipped them outside of the United States. He bought several small farms adjoining his property. W.D. Heiskell of

Williamsport was always the realtor and Charles May was the attorney.

John and Marie's son, John H. Dunlap Jr. or "Jack" was the only living grandchild of Samuel and Mary Dunlap. Jack grew up on the Deercreek Township farm near Williamsport. He loved to hunt and fish and ride his pony, "Black Jack". At a very early age his father would send him to cattle sales with a checkbook to buy the best cattle. John Sr. and John Jr. always loved the cattle business and sold many head to local packers. Jack graduated from Williamsport High School and The Ohio State University where he met an intelligent and attractive young lady from Arizona, Ellen North (born 1908). Jack and Ellen were married on October 16, 1929 in Columbus, Ohio. After a short time of living and working in Columbus (during the Depression) they returned to farming. Jack was very entrepreneurial and soon began adding land, grain elevators, and an implement dealership to his farming interests. Jack received many honors in his life, but he never lost his connection to family, nature and the land.

Jack and Ellen had three children. The oldest, Shirley Ann Dunlap Bowser was born in 1935 and in 1957 married Clifford Lee Bowser (born 1931). Cliff served for four years in the Strategic Air Command of the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. After his marriage to Shirley he was engaged in farming. He fed cattle and raised horses for fifty years. Shirley graduated from The Ohio State University. They live on Route 22, Deercreek Township in the house that John and Marie Dunlap built. Shirley and Cliff have two children: Ann Dunlap Bowser Essman (born 1958) and Clifford Lee Bowser Jr. (born 1961). Ann married Mark Edward Essman on July 12, 1980, the day the "big storm" hit the community. The Essmans have three children: Ellen Katherine (born 1987), John Arthur (born 1991), and Elizabeth Ann (born 1993). The Essman family lives at Woodlyn, Deercreek Township, Pickaway County. Clifford Lee Bowser Jr. (Lee) married Teresa Irwin in 1991 and they have one daughter, Virginia Lee (born 1992). In 1995 he married Hollie Bunn and they have three sons: Liam Duncan (born 1996), Jackson Stewart (born 1998), and Miles North (born 2000).

The second child was Gail Ellen Dunlap born in 1937. Gail graduated from Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York where she met her lifelong companion, Charoula Dontopoulos. After a long stay in New York and in Greece, Gail returned to her roots and in 1992 won a grant from Vassar to restore a log cabin on her farm in Perry Township, where she and her partner practice organic gardening and stewardship of the land.

The third child was John Hyde Dunlap III born in 1941. John (Johnny) followed the family tradition of farming and livestock production. He resides in the family home built by his great-grandfather, Samuel Wesley, in Monroe Township. John is the 5th generation farmer on one of the original farms. He attended The Ohio State University before returning to the farm. Married in 1962 to Elizabeth Beckwith, he had two sons. John Hyde Dunlap IV (Ian) (1965-1989) died at a young age of 24. Samuel Beckwith Dunlap (1967) married Debbie Ogle in July 2000 and they have one child, Izabella Maye (born June 2003). John remarried in April 1977 to Susan Hale Swope. They had two children, Zachary Swope Dunlap (born 1979) who married Abby Melinda Howard in August 2004. The youngest child is Amelia Morgan Dunlap born in 1983. Following family traditions, John is an active conservation farmer.

Since the Dunlaps came to Pickaway County in the early 1800's, the county has changed but many members of the Dunlap family still live and farm in the county.

-Submitted by Shirley D. Bowser

WILLIAM C. EAKIN FAMILY

In 1891, William Chambers Eakin was the first Eakin to live in Pickaway County, Ohio. He was the son of John J. Eakin, who walked from Pennsylvania in 1857 to Columbus, Ohio, where after 8 years of teaching school, settled on a farm and dairy on what is now Eakin Road. John J. Eakin, was the son of William Allison Eakin and Isabelle Kelly Eakin of Irvin Twp., Venango County, Pennsylvania. William A's father was John Eakin, who married his cousin Mary Eakin. They came to the United States from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1800. Their grandfather lived in Galloway, Scotland.

John J. Eakin, b. Dec. 11, 1834, d. Mar. 5, 1928 married Ellen Chambers, daughter of William B. Chambers and Elizabeth Haughn. Their oldest son of six children, William Chambers Eakin, b. Oct. 8, 1866, d. Nov. 2, 1947 married Elizabeth Thomas in Lilly Chaple, Ohio. Their farm was about a mile north of Derby, Ohio on the west side of the London Circleville Road. The first house was in the corner of the farm nearest to Derby, where most of the six children were born. Ray Thomas, Everett John, Esther Marion, Mary, Ellen, and Florence Martha. Ellen was born in Phoenix, Territory of Arizona, where the family went for her mother's health for 2 years. As the farm was improved, the barns were built first, then the big new house in 1907. In the fall of 1922, William C. retired to Columbus, Ohio. He became a real estate investor.

Ray Thomas Eakin b. Nov. 18, 1891, D. Dec. 27, 1972, Pvt. Served in France World War I, married Catherine Davis of Derby, Ohio, and had daughter Frances Esther, b. Apr. 15, 1914, married Alexander Lefelhoc of Fairport, Ohio and had sons Richard and Davis. She married second, Tenho Katta of Bessemer, Michigan. They had daughters Mary Beth who died as an infant and Joan Joy Katta.

Everett John Eakon b. Sept. 27, 1893, d. Oct. 1, 1973, married Jan. 4, 1917 Elma Anna Grossman of Jackson Twp., Franklin County, Ohio. Everett grew up on the farm, taught school, studied Agriculture at Ohio State University, Columbus, and bought a farm, 1 mile north of his father's farm. The had 4 children: Jane Audrey b. Feb. 20, 1919, married Jan. 4, 1946 Francis Halbert Haynes b. July 23, 1913, d. July 6, 1995, had 2 children Robert Ivan, married Adelberta Holmes Markko, had 2 daughters Amanda Michelle and Christine Elizabeth. Patricia Jane b. Sept. 8, 1953 married second David Jon Joseph Devoucoux of Phoenix, Arizona and have a daughter Catherine Rene. No issue from first marriage. Stanley Merrill Eakin b. Jan. 29, 1922, married Marjorie Ann Swagler of Franklin County, Ohio, had son Rodney Ivan and daughter Barbara Ann. Ivan Charles Eakin b. Jan. 25, 1924, Sgt. in Co. E. 260th Inf. was killed in action in World War II in Germany Feb. 11, 1945. Robert Bruce Eakin b. Mar. 23, 1926, Pvt. in Co. B. 318 Inf. was killed in action in World War II in Germany Feb. 11, 1945.

Esther Marion Eakin d. Aug. 2, 1899, age 2 years, 9 months, 1 day, Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

Mary Eakin b. June 27, 1899, d. June 19, 1982, married Oct. 15, 1921 William Grassle of Pleasant Township, Franklin County, Ohio and had 3 children. William Corliss Graessle b. Apr. 24, 1924, married Regina Mouser, had 2 children Cheryl Lynn and William Stephen. Miriam Esther Graessle b. June 9, 1925 married Raymond E. Shipley, had 2 children. Aloma Ellen Graessle b. Nov. 29, 1929 Darby Twp., Pickaway County, Ohio. By this time Mary's father had moved to Columbus, Ohio, so she moved back to her birthplace. Aloma married Oct. 5, 1947 Karl E. Krieger of Jeffersonville, Ohio and had 5 children. Mary married second H. Clay Justice, no issue.

Ellen Eakin b. Mar. 4, 1901, d. Mar. 3, 1965, married June 23, 1923 Wilbur Thomas Parish of Richwood, Ohio and had 1 child, Gene Thomas Parish b. Dec. 14, 1925, married Harriet Anne Dinsmoor, had 3 children William Dinsmoor, Gene Anne, and Thomas Robert. Ellen married second William Bashore, no issue.

Florence Martha Eakin died as an infant Feb. 13, 1909. Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

-Submitted by Jane Eakin Haynes

CALVIN LAFAYETTE EBY 1872-1959

Calvin Eby's great, great, great, great grandfather, Durst (Theodorus) Eby was the first Eby to settle in America. He arrived from Oberbuchsiten, Canton Solothurn, Switzerland, in the early part of 1718. He built his first home in Lancaster, County, Pennsylvania in 1727 where he and his family were millers and farmers.

Two generations later his great, great grandfather, Christian Eby, arrived in Hocking County, Ohio sometime after 1812. His great grandfather, also named Christian, was a farmer in Hocking County but was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. His father was Lafayette Eby born in 1848 in Hocking County, which I think was actually Ross County at that time. He married Anna Loucita French and they had two children: Calvin Lafayette and Myrtle. Calvin was born 3/10/1872 in Hocking County but settled in Pickaway County where he married

Bertha Dell Hoover on 12/26/1896. Bertha was born in 1881 in Williamsport.

Calvin Lafayette and Bertha raised 13 children and 2 grandchildren. Since he was born in Hocking County, the assumption is he was a farmer in his early adult years. Around 1910 he was a laborer but unknown for whom, or in what capacity. In 1915-16 he became a blacksmith at the Miller Buggy Company, 120 East Main Street in Circleville. Around 1927 he opened his own blacksmith shop in the 400 block of South Pickaway Street.

Taken approx. 1930-1932. Back row: Calvin Lafayette Eby (Pop) 3/10/1872-1/1/59. Leroy Sowers (grandson) (Anna's son) 4/11/15 – 1/1/78. Bertha Dell Hoover Eby (Big Mom) 5/22/1881-7/20/45. Second Row: Ruth Ordell Eby Murphy (10) 11/14/16. Leonard Eby (11) 3/23/19-11/25/86, Carl Vincent Eby (12) 12/3/22, Harold Richard Eby (13) 12/10/24 – 12/30/84. Front: Lyman Richard Leist (grandson) (Lillian's son) 2/2/26-9/25/87. Behind tree: Carl Amos Wilson (grandson) (Hester's son) 3/2/25 – 7/24/02.

Taken approx. Summer 1913. Back Row: Hester May Eby Wilson (2) 4/4/1899-6/8/65, Anna Myrtle Eby Sowers Holmes (1) 1896-1921, Lewis Gilmore Eby (3) 8/30/01-2/19/78. Lafayette Jermiah Eby (5) 2/28/04- 3/10/60. Second Row: Bertha Dell Hoover Eby (mother) 5/22/1881 – 7/20/45, Nettle Marie Eby Greer (4) 4/10/03-1/12/29, Calvin Lafayette Eby (father) 3/10/1872-1/1/59, Jesse Laurel Eby (6) 1/28/07-. Third Row: Thelma Florence Eby (on mother's lap) (8) 7/13/10-12/31/28, Lillian Viola Eby Sonners (7) 1/25/09 – 11/11/97, Kenneth Luther Eby (9) (on father's lap), 9/25/12-8/4/78.

1980. Edman Family; Steve, Kristine, Jim, Ramona, David.

Their family home was at 190 Nicholas Drive, known as Lovers Lane at that time. His grandson's family still live on part of the back portion of this property. Most of their lives were spent in this location. Around 1910 his mother, Anna French Eby, moved in with him after the death of his father, Lafayette, and lived there until her death in 1916.

Calvin's children went in different directions, some serving during WWII, a couple dying at a very young age and all but the second oldest and the youngest moved out of Pickaway County. There are still a daughter in Ohio (not Pickaway County) and a son who lives out of state. However, there are several grandchildren still living in Pickaway County including Mary Wilson Picklesimer. She is the daughter of the second oldest daughter, Hester May Eby Wilson, who died in 1965.

Bertha Dell Hoover Eby passed away in 1945 at the age of 65 and Calvin Lafayette Eby passed away in 1959 at the age of 87.

-Submitted by
Mary E. Wilson Picklesimer

JAMES EDMAN FAMILY

James Edman, wife Ramona and children Steven, Kristine and David moved into a house at 660 Hawthorne Drive, Circleville, August 1969. James was born in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, June 5, 1936. He grew up on a farm in Arctander Township, graduated from Kerkhoven, Minnesota High School in 1954, Gustavus Adolphus College in 1958 and the University of Nebraska, Lincoln with a MS in chemistry in 1960 and a Ph.D. in 1963.

Ramona (Henniges) was born April 22, 1938 in Elma, Iowa. She graduated from Floyd, Iowa High School in 1955 and attended St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota prior to becoming a registered Medical Technologist. She earned a Bachelors degree from Ohio University, Athens, in 1975.

James and Ramona were married December 21, 1958 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They lived in Lincoln, Nebraska until the Spring of 1963. Steven was born in Lincoln December 1, 1960 and Kristine was born April 5, 1962.

The family moved to Wilmington, Delaware in 1963 where James was employed with Dupont in the Central Research Department at the Experimental Station. David was born in Wilmington, October 12, 1963 and Ramona assisted with Head Start and Inner City Programs. The family moved to Buffalo, NY in 1968 before coming to Pickaway County in 1969. They moved to their current residence, 582 Hickory Place, Circleville in 1975. James retired from Dupont in 2001 with 38 years of employment.

The children graduated from Circleville High School. Steven earned a degree in Education from Ohio State, a master's degree from Arizona State and has credits toward a Doctorate. He married Susan (Fuerst) December 28, 1984 in Kalida, Ohio and they currently reside in Chandler, Arizona. They have a son Joel, born July 25, 1987. Kristine graduated from Otterbein College and was married November 2, 1997 in Newport, Oregon to Randy Ratkey. Their daughter, Grace, was born February 19, 2001 and Claire was born September 12, 2003. David graduated from Ohio University, Athens and earned an MBA from The University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He married Katrina (Spinale) October 11, 2003 in Laguna Beach, California and they reside in Corona del Mar, California.

-Submitted by Ramona Edman

GEORGE FREDERICK EITEL 1828-1901

In 1881, George Frederick Eitel, his wife Willhemina Wolvert Eitel and 7 children immigrated from Wurtenburg, Germany to Pickaway County, Ohio. He was 53 years old and she was 36. Children ranged in age from 19 years to 4 years. Fourteen children were born to this couple but only 7 survived.

For their trip across the Atlantic they were assigned quarters below deck in a curtained area about 8 by 10 feet. They took turns sleeping because there wasn't enough space for everyone to lay down at once. They were allowed on deck for one hour twice a day.

After being processed through immigration at Ellis Island they headed West via train and arrived at Circleville in October 1881. It had been a wet fall and was still raining. At that time, West Main Street had some board sidewalks but the street was muddy. Mr. Mason (of Mason's Furniture) recalled seeing them trudging through the muddy street and when questioned why they didn't use the sidewalk, their reply was they thought the sidewalks were probably for the rich people. They had few worldly possessions but they brought with them their "old world" agricultural and meat processing skills that were passed down for generations.

They rented a farm northwest of the intersection of Rt. 22 and 104. Some of the family lived there at least 20 years.

Wilhelmina Katherina, the oldest daughter, married John Link and they moved to Chicago.

Katherine, the youngest daughter, married Diebold Sensenbrenner and when he died she married William Gerhardt. She had no children.

William and Adam were twins. They never married.

Daniel married Martha Doering and Fred married Clara Doering. Martha and Clara were sisters. Daniel and Fred operated a truck farm on the north bank of Hargus Creek west of Rt. 22. Dan delivered produce in Circleville with his horse and wagon for many years. Fred and Clara had no children. Daniel and Martha adopted an infant they named Donald. Donald married Mary Katherine Smythe. Their children were James, Jacqueline (Neff), and Donald.

John Frederick married Carrie May Aumock. John and Carrie had 7 children.

George Thomas married Addie Eccard. Their children were Walter Thomas, George Frederick (Pete) and Paul Eccard. George farmed the "Moore Farm" just NW of Circleville for 30 years and served several terms as township trustee.

Mary Katherine married Clinton Young. Clinton was a licensed steam engineer and operated the old Circleville Water Works Plant when it was located on the north bank of Darby Creek and the pumps were powered with steam. Power was later converted to electric. The family with 6 children, Theodore, Harold, Bernard, Robert, Nellie, and Virginia moved to a farm in the Bremen, Indiana are in 1931.

Elizabeth married Walter Eccard. They farmed near Ringgold and later near Circleville. Their 3 children were Walter, Ruth and Helen.

Nellie married Harold Bumgarner. They farmed in the St. Paul and Ashville area and were very active in the Grange. Three children were born to this union: Dorthy, Richard and Carl.

Daniel was married 3 times. Children with his first wife, Mabel Hoover were Eleanor, Henry and Orrin (John). His second and third wives were Mary Eccard and Olive Peters. Dan served as a member of the Circleville Fire Dept. and retired from there.

Charles married Bertha Wilson. He helped build the old Circleville Sewage Treatment Plant in 1939 and was employed as operator at startup. He retired after 35 years of service. Their children were Nancy and Roger.

John Daniel married Daisy Hutchison. They farmed near Stoutsville and later near Darbyville. Children born to John and Daisy were: Howard, Jean, John Jr., Robert, Helen, Carolyn, Marilyn, and Betty.

The name "John Daniel" is still going strong having been passed down for 5 generations.

-Submitted by Paul Eitel

THOMAS & MARY DOWNEY EMERSON

Thomas Emerson and his wife, Mary Downey, moved their family to Ohio in 1807 from Hampshire County, Virginia, where they lived following his service in the Revolutionary War. Thomas took the Oath of Fidelity and Support in Washington County, Maryland in 1778 where he was a resident during the Revolution. He and Mary Downey were married there in 1779 at the home of her uncle, James Downey in 1779 married by the Rev. George Young.

Mary Downey's father, William Downey, her uncles James and Richard Downey, and her four brothers including Captain John Downey, were all soldiers in the Revolutionary War from Washington County, Maryland.

After the war, Thomas Emerson purchased 159 acres and the Turner Mill on the south branch of the Potomac River. For his war services he was granted another 50 acres. In 1806 his oldest daughter Nancy and her husband, Frederick Sheetz, purchased this acreage and the mill and remained in Virginia along with his parents, Abel and Elizabeth Emerson.

Coming to Ohio with the Emerson Family was William Young, Jr. who had married their second daughter Mary (Polly) Emerson in 1804. Mary carried their six weeks old baby, Eliza Jane, to Ohio on horseback.

Thomas Emerson bought Section 18 in the Congressional lands, some of the best farmland along Scippo Creek near where Shawnee Indian villages had been. The country was primitive, and some Indians still lived in the vicinity. He immediately built a large log house for his large family, born in Maryland and Virginia. The other children included: James married Catherine Fryback; Thomas, Jr. married Margaret Kennedy; Margaret married John Steely; Sarah married George Wolff; Elizabeth married George Steely; Letitia married John Frybak; Susannah, not married; Rachel married Robert Newell; and John married Fililia Newell.

Thomas Emerson, Sr. died in 1826, age 71, and Mary Downey Emerson died in 1822, age 62. Both were buried in the Emerson-Young Family Cemetery on the Emerson farm. His grave was decorated by the Pickaway Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

His services assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were described in detail on the application for membership in the DAR by one of the descendants of his eldest daughter, Nancy Emerson Sheetz, as follows: "In the Naval Records and Library of the Navy Dept. Washington D.C. Prisoners card index, Thomas Emerson was captured on the US Sloop Franklin, May 1, 1781, and committed to Old Mill Prison, England, Oct. 2, 1781. Prisoners were exchanged, and on April15, 1782, Thomas was commissioned Captain or Master of the Sloop Lethe, a vessel having 12 guns and 56 men . . . The Sloop Lethe was privately owned by the Carey Estate of Philadelphia and turned over to the government." Thomas and Mary Emerson named one of their daughters "Letitia," and she named her daughter "Letitia" in memory of the Sloop. (Letitia Fryback Shaner)

Thomas Emerson, Jr. was 21 years old when the family moved to Ohio. He worked with his father in clearing the land for farming. He married Margaret Kennedy, and their children were: James; Mary Ann married Julius Wright; and George T. married Ruth Ann Lindsay. Thomas Jr. died in 1876 at the age of 91.

George T. Emerson built the brick residence in 1879 that is still lived in today. George and Ruth Ann's children were Mary Lindsay who married John Riggin; Thomas D.; Ned Ray married Mary Roberts; and George H. married Melissa Brown; their son was Kenneth. The children of John and Mary Riggin were: Fairy married John Alkire; Fred married Martha Baker; Ruth married Leonard Hole: Emilie married Harlan Freeman; Marie married Charles Boldoser; John married Clara Stonerock; George married Aubrey Lemley; and Martha Ann married Charles Bennett.

The county road that runs through the original Emerson lane connecting US Route 23 with the Kingston Pike was named Emerson Road to commemorate one of the earliest families to settle in Ohio.

-Submitted by Mary R. Tolbert

ESSICK FAMILY

Clarence, son of John C. and Cora Belle Thomas Essick, was born September 17, 1892 in Circleville, Ohio. Clarence married April 3, 1915 in Circleville, Chloe Della Bradshaw born April 1897, daughter of George and Ida Stevens Bradshaw of Hocking County, Ohio. Chloe died during the influenza epidemic. They had two sons, William Harold, born March 31, 1916, in Circleville, died August 20, 1975, Columbus, Ohio; and Charles Willard, born September 5, 1917, Circleville and died December 18, 1964, Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio.

c. 1939
Shellhammer's yard. Cora, Shirley, & Bill Essick.

William married Cora I. Arledge, born July 18, 1916, Circleville, died October 23, 1996 in Circleville, on January 17, 1934 in Circleville. Both are buried in Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio. William "Bill" was only 21 months old when his mother died. He lived with his Aunt Emma Shellhammer and family on Mound Street, Circleville. William "Bill" quit school in the 8th grade and drove a truck for Ed Shellhammer, his first cousin. He later worked in construction, driving heavy equipment. Bill joined the Navy during WWII and was honorably discharged on January 16, 1946. Bill was a motor machinist's mate third class and was stationed on Guam. He was a member of the Moose Club and American Legion. Bill worked at Orient State Hospital, bartender at the Moose Club, and for his brother, Charles, in Mansfield, Ohio, and at the

VA in Chillicothe where he earned his GED at the age of 50. Bill retired from the VA Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Cora was the daughter of George Washington and Mary Temple Arledge. Cora quit school her junior year and did housekeeping. The family lived on Ohio Street and was raised in The Church of Christ in Christian Union. After their marriage in 1934, Cora worked at Winorr Canning Company. During the war she worked as Eshelman Mill on Mill Street with her sister, Anna Ruth Arledge. Later she worked at Lincoln Plastics on Clinton Street and retired from Orient State Hospital, Orient, Ohio. She belonged to the Moose Club and American Legion Auxiliary. They lived on Mound Street in Circleville, Salina, Missouri, Norfolk, Virginia, Pickaway Street and Clinton Street, Circleville. They had one daughter, Shirley. Cora moved to Elsea Trailer Park in 1976. Cora enjoyed playing cards, traveling and went on many trips with her niece, Faye. Cora loved her grandchildren and also went on trips with her daughter and family. She attended The Church of Christ in Christian Union.

-Submitted by Shirley Price

JOHN C. ESSICK

John C. Essick was a blacksmith. He had his business in the garage of his home on Mound Street. John came to Circleville, Ohio from Chillicothe with his parents when he was one year old. John was born October 11, 1880, son of John and Elizabeth Gruber Essick, Chillicothe. John died July 10, 1928, age 68, from heart trouble at his home on Mound Street.

John, age 21, married Cora Belle Thomas, age 17, June 3, 1886, in Circleville. Cora was born October 9, 1872 in Salt Creek Township, Hocking County, Ohio. John was a member of the Church of the Brethren. Their children were John William, Charles and Clarence, all born in Circleville.

John William was born February 5, 1889 and died April 29, 1950, age 63. He died in Circleville of a heart attack. He married Mary, October 17, 1915 in Circleville. Mary died December 22, 1918 along with a male child also born on that date. John then married Lefa Wallace, born February 5, 1887 and died April 29, 1950. John was a watchman in the County Garage and lived at 201 Logan Street. He was also sexton at the Church of the Brethren in Circleville. All are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

Charles was born June 23, 1890, and died at the age of 50 on May 8, 1941 in Columbus, Ohio. Charles died from a heart attack. Charles married Emma Francis Hall on February 11, 1911 in Circleville. Emma was born October 3, 1892 in Circleville and died November 13, 1968. They lived at 803 Pickaway Street. Charles was a minister for the Church of the Brethren and had a laundry in their home. They are buried in Forest Cemetery.

Clarence was born September 17, 1892 and died April 9, 1955 in Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio. He worked at the broom factory in Circleville. Clarence married #1 Besie Pearl Mumaw on October 28, 1911, who was born September 25, 1896 in Williamsport, Pickaway County, Ohio and died December 19, 1912 in Circleville, Ohio. He then married #2 Chloe Della Bradshaw on April 3, 1815. Chloe was born April 1897 in Laurelville, Hocking County, Ohio to George and Ida Stevens Bradshaw, and she died December 7, 1918 in Circleville, Ohio of influenza. He then married #3 (?) and #4 (?). Clarence married #5 Marie Hoover, born June 21, 1912 in Geneva, Ohio and died October 15, 1990 in Mansfield, Ohio. He moved to Mansfield in 1932 and was a machine operator. There were four children born to them. Both are buried in Mansfield Memorial Cemetery, Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Bryan Price

JOHN ESSICK FAMILY

John (Essig) Essick was born 1833 in Wurtemberg, Germany and died Sept. 23, 1893, age 60, Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. He came to North America around 1854 landing in New York. John lived in Buffalo, New York before coming to Ohio. He was a blacksmith by trade. John married Elizabeth Gruber, July 10, 1855, in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. Elizabeth was born Dec. 16, 1832 in Wurtemberg, Germany. Elizabeth also came to North America around 1854, landing in New York before coming to Ohio. Elizabeth died July 21, 1906 of a heart disease (age 74) Circleville and both are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

c. 1901-1903, Elizabeth Essick, Emma Essick Shellhammer and Charles Shellhammer.

A daughter Elizabeth born 1858 and a son John C. born 1860 in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. John and Elizabeth moved to Circleville around 1861 where 3 children were born. William born Jan. 8, 1862 and died Aug. 4, 1940; Charles born 1867, died May 9, 1927 Athens, Ohio and Emma born Nov. 29, 1968, and died Sept. 6, 1953 Circleville, Ohio. John, Elizabeth and family lived at 433 East Franklin Street, Circleville. After the death of John, the city wanted to buy Mrs. Essig's home for the building of the Franklin Street School. She didn't want to sell and the city, not wanting to bring a suit against an older lady, gave her $1450 for her land. Mr. Palm, a neighbor, only received $1150 for his land. This is where the blacktop playground for the Mound Street School now stands. They moved to 420 East Mound Street and Elizabeth lived there until her death in 1906.

-Submitted by Jennifer Moore

ETT FAMILY

The Ett family originated from Kurhessen, Germany in 1837. Conrad (pronounced Coonrod) was the first to arrive in America. By trade he was a shoe maker and farmer. His children were Conrad H., Maggie A., Edison B.O. and Wilson J.

Wilson J. Ett was born in Walnut Township. By trade he was a farmer and skilled jeweler, mended and sold watches, clocks and all kinds of jewelry. His trade was large enough to warrant him in setting aside a portion of his home (which was built in 1910) as a work room. We know it today as 8010 Ashville-Fairfield Road and which is still in the family and owned by his grandson, Glenn Ett.

Wilson J. married Bertha Heffner in 1896 and had the honor of securing the first marriage license issued by Judge Winstead. To this union was born a son, Howard Heffner Ett "H.H." on February 27, 1900. H.H. married Mary Melinda Sark on Christmas night in 1928 in the M.E. Parsonage by Rev. J.B. Taylor. They took up housekeeping at the W.J. Ett farm. H.H. was a farmer, school bus driver for 34 years, a great watch and clock repair man, as well as a jack-of-all-trades. He loved the sport of trap shooting, and was a great competitor. His wife Mary enjoyed her garden, flowers, daily diary and her scrapbooks. To this union 2 children were born, Dorothy Mae and Glenn Edwin. Dorothy married Max Eugene Cormany on September 21, 1952 and took up housekeeping in Stoutsville, Ohio and then later moved to Ashville, Ohio. They still live there to this day. Glenn married his high school sweetheart, Eva Jane Zwayer on January 31, 1955. They took up housekeeping in a small house trailer located on the family farm and in January 1958 they bought the John Courtright farm located at 8895 S. Bloomfield-Royalton

Ett Family, 2003

Road in Walnut Township and have lived there ever since. Howard and Mary both died in 1977, seven months apart. Howard lived all of his life in the same house. Glenn and Eva have kept up the family tradition of farming. From this union, 3 children were born: Wilson Glenn, Glenna Grace and Allen Carl. Wilson married Diana Pobst in August 1975. They had 2 daughters, Kathleen "Katie" Erin and Joannie Melinda. Wilson lost his first wife, Diana to cancer in 2000. He married Lois Dill in September of 2002 and they reside on South Bloomfield Royalton Road. Glenna married Kevin Archer in September of 1976 and they have 2 daughters, Jamie Nicole and Lindsey Michelle. They reside on Ashville-Fairfield Road, 1 mile east of the W.J. Ett farm. Allen married Cathy Boldoser in August of 1988. They have 4 children: Amanda Lee, Alex Andrew, William Amos and Callen Jo. They reside on Winchester Road. Wilson and Allen both went into farming with their father, Glenn, as soon as they were old enough to drive a tractor. Today the Ett family continues to farm, raising corn, soybeans, wheat and livestock. To this day, H.H. Ett and Son, is still painted on the front of the famous red barn that is located on the farm that was bought by Wilson J. Ett back in 1910.

-Submitted by Glenn Ett

HOWARD H. &
MARY MALINDA SARK ETT

Howard H. Ett combined farming, jewelry, watch and clock repairing. He owned 168 acres of fine land in Walnut Township, Pickaway County on the Ashville Fairfield Road. He was born on his father's farm 27 February, 1900, the son of Wilson Joash and Bertha (Heffner) Ett.

He was born in the house and lived there all his life. He died 13 November, 1977. Howard H. Ett went to Turkey Run School on Ringgold Northern Road, Pickaway County. He only went through the 8th grade, but he was a very successful farmer, a skilled jeweler, and a man who could fix anything. His father was a jeweler before him and his grandson, Wilson G. Ett, learned to repair clocks and watches from his grandfather. If a piece of farm machinery broke, H.H. often welded it or made a part to repair it. He was a jack of all trades and everyone enjoyed visiting with him.

On 25 December, 1928, H.H. Ett was married to Mary Malinda Sark, who was born 25 February, 1899, in Pickaway County, Ashville, Ohio. She was a daughter of William and Julia (Burton) Sark, also of Ashville. They attended the Hedges Chapel Church Church near Ashville. They had one daughter, Dorothy Mae Ett (Mrs. Max Cormany) and one son, Glenn Ett, both of Ashville. H.H. and Mary had 2 grandsons, Wilson and Allen Ett, and one granddaughter, Glenna (Mrs. Kevin Archer).

Howard Heffner Ett (H.H.) Feb. 27, 1900 – Nov. 13, 1977, and Mary Malinda Sark Ett. Feb. 25, 1899 – April 16, 1977.

H.H. Ett was an IOOF member in Ashville and then in Circleville. He also drove a school bus for Walnut Township School for 34 years. Mr. Ett had a threshing machine outfit and went to neighboring farms to thresh their wheat for them.

H.H. was a great trap shooter and shot at Vandallia, Ohio. He also served his community as an auxiliary sheriff under Sheriff Charles Radcliff. He was very well known and a much respected citizen of Walnut Township.

-Submitted by Dorothy Cormany

EVERETT FAMILY

The existence of the Everett family in Pickaway County has been brief. This particular family presently consists of Phillip M. and Edith (Defenbaugh) Everett and two daughters, Margaret L. and Suzanne D. Although there are various spelling of the name Everett (Evert, Everts and even Everett) there is no genealogical relation to these families. Phillip descends from the family of Ernest Everett who came to Ohio from Brownsburg, Indiana in the 1930's. Ernest married Mary Elizabeth Oden in 1933 in Columbus, Ohio. Phillip was born as the first of four children of this union on September 7, 1936.

Phil and Edith Defenbaugh Everett.

Brumfield Family. L to R: Hailey, Meg, Mark, Meredith and Sam (in front).

Phil met Edith Lynn Defenbaugh while they were students at The Ohio State University and they were married on June 10, 1961. Edith was the youngest of four daughters born to Gwendolen and William D. Defenbaugh on October 22, 1938. After residing in Worthington, Ohio for a year they moved to Pickaway County in 1962. In 1964 they moved to Edith's childhood home in Salt Creek Township. They resided there until 1966. During this time Margaret Lynn Everett was born (May 21, 1963) and then they moved out of the county until returning to the same house in 1971. During the time out of county, a second daughter was born while in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. She was born December 1, 1966 and was named Suzanne D. Everett. Both girls attended Salt Creek School and graduated from Logan Elm High School. (Meg in 1981 and Suzanne in 1985).

During all of this time when Phil and Edith Lynn (known as Lynn to Phil's family and Edith in Pickaway County) were married, Phil taught school or was a school administrator in the public schools. He began his teaching experience in Columbus, Ohio and then came to Circleville. He taught primarily mathematics in both of these schools. After being a school principal in Mechanicsburg, Ohio and an assistant principal in Worthington and Hamilton, Ohio, they returned to Pickaway County in 1971, where Phil became assistant principal at Teays Valley High School. In 1974 he returned to the classroom in Circleville to teach mathematics. During the child rearing years, Edith Lynn decided to stay at home and rear her children and provided a loving and caring home for all.

Bandy Family, L to R, Back: Jeff & Suzanne. Front: Kale & Kara.

In 2000, Phil and Edith Lynn left the farm and moved to Circleville. Suzanne married Jeffrey M. Bandy in 1991. They reside in Circleville with their son, Kale (11) and daughter, Kara (8). Margaret married Mark T. Brumfield in 1993. They live in Dayton, Ohio with twin daughters, Hailey and Meredith (8), and a son Samuel (6). In 2004, the Phillip M. Everett family has resided in Pickaway County for 37 challenging years. Since retiring from Circleville High School in 1989, Phil has taught mathematics at the college level for 15 years and has earned a second masters degree from OSU. Edith Lynn has kept herself busy by working in retailing, volunteering and chairing the committee preparing this book.

-Submitted by Phil Everett

PAUL & MARTHA EWING FAMILY

Paul and Martha (Topp) Ewing came to Pickaway County the day after they were married August 16, 1964. Paul came from Jeromesville, Ashland County, Ohio and Martha from New

Bremen, Auglaize County, Ohio. Paul graduated from Ohio State University with a B.S. in vocational agriculture education and Martha graduated from OSU with a B.S. in vocational home economics education. Paul was the first vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at the newly consolidated Westfall High School, Pickawy County, Ohio, on Pherson Pike. He taught from 1964-1974 at Westfall, then was later employed by Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School from 1993-2004 as a Farm Business Planning and Analysis Instructor. Martha taught vocational home economics at Adena High School, Ross County, Ohio, from1966-67, then taught at Teays Valley, Ashville, Ohio from 1967-1972 until her first child was born. She was later employed at Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School from 1980-2002. She taught GRADS (Graduation, Reality, and Dual-Role Skills) a pregnant teen program in many of the area schools encouraging pregnant teens and young parents to stay in school.

Paul and Martha purchased their farm located in Deercreek Township as Williamsport, Ohio in July of 1965. They raised corn, soybeans and wheat and had a farrow to finish hog operation. Both were 4-H advisors for ten plus years. Paul for the Deercreek Livestock and Martha for the Deercreek Busy Bees. They have been very active in the Williamsport United Methodist Church. Paul has served on many community committees, the Pickaway County Fair, Pickaway County Pork Council, Pickaway County Farmers Club, and Deercreek Township zoning to name a few.

They have two children – Tonya (Kyle) Sharp and Heath Ewing. Grandchildren are Aaron Paul Sharp born 2002 and Sara Catherine Sharp born 2003. The Sharps reside in Groveport, Ohio and Heath resides in Clarksburg, Ohio. Kyle is the editor of Ohio's Country Journal and Tonya is a graphics design instructor for Columbus State Community College as well as operates a home-based design business. Heath is employed at Kenworth Trucking in their human resource department.

-Submitted by Martha Ewing

JOHN HENRY FELLENSTEIN FAMILY

John Henry Fellenstein was born in Germany on May 6, 1825. On the boat coming from Germany, he met Anna Katherine Crouse who was bonded to the captain. They got married when they arrived in America in 1854. They had seven children. One child was Charles Phillip Fellenstein who was born on December 15, 1862.

Charles Fellenstein married Lydia Jane Mace on January 21, 1892. They had five children – Everette, George, Anna, Noah and John Wesley. Charles died on July 20, 1926.

John Wesley Fellenstein was born on July 29, 1895. He married Agnes Conaway on June 21, 1916. John was a farmer and Agnes was a homemaker. They moved to Pickaway County in 1928. They lived near Clarksburg. The house was in Pickaway County and the barn was in Ross County. They had four children – Ethel Beatrice, John Howard, Mary Jane and Thelma Rose. John Wesley died on November 24, 1957. Agnes died on February 17, 1985.

Beatrice Fellenstein Anderson, Charles Fellenstein, and Helen Martin.

Ethel Beatrice Fellenstein was born April 5, 1917. She married Creighton Reed Anderson in 1937. Their children are Virgil Lee, Norma Jean, Mary Marcella, Creighton Reed Jr. Beatrice (Bea) was a long time resident of Williamsport. She was very active in the community and the Williamsport Methodist Church. She died on September 5, 1984.

Great-great-grandchildren of John Henry Fellenstein who reside in Pickaway County in 2004 are Norma Jean Gilmore, Marcella Hildenbrand and Virgil Anderson. Reed Anderson lives in Martinsville, Virginia.

Norma Jean Anderson was born on November 7, 1939. She married Clarence William (Bill) Gilmore on April 14, 1973. Norma Jean worked for the banks in Williamsport and Circleville. Norma Jean is very active in the Williamsport United Methodist Church. Bill was a carpenter. They have one son – David William Gilmore.

David William Gilmore was born on June 12, 1976. He married Christina Giardina from Northridge, California on March 24, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nevada. They have one son, Joseph (Joey) William Gilmore born on September 2, 2001. David is a computer programmer and Christina is a school teacher. The family resides in Chatsworth, California.

-Submitted by Norma Jean Gilmore

RICHARD & MARY FELLMETH

Circleville Resident 1936-1966.

Mary Augusta Troutman, was born January 12, 1880, in Butler, Pennsylvania, to Wilhelmina Lutz and George Troutman, immigrants from Stuttgart, Germany. As to a profession, she described herself as a "school marm". While married, she did not work for pay, but after being widowed, she took in "boarders" for income.

Richard Paul Fellmeth, was born March 13, 1878, in Stuttgart, Germany, into a family of nobility. A disenchanted mechanical engineer, he immigrated to the United States about 1901. He invented a candy-making machine for dipping chocolates, but lost the patent to a co-worker. He courted Mary by making her a ruby cut-glass cup, engraved with her nickname, "Mamie".

The couple married April 12, 1909, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Circleville, Ohio, with Mary's older brother, Rev. George J. Troutman, officiating. They made their first home in Butler, Pennsylvania. They had one daughter, Anna Marie, born December 1, 1916. Following the 1919 death of "Mamie's" immigrant father and Civil War veteran, her widowed mother moved in with the Fellmeth's. Only German was spoken in the home. Following World War I and an attack on Richard because he was a German, he directed the family to speak only English.

In the early 1930's, a stroke left Richard barely able to talk or walk and unable to work and "Mamie's" mother died. In 1935, Anna Marie enrolled at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, leaving "Mamie" alone in Butler to care for Richard. About 1936, compassionately, Rev. Troutman moved his young sister and her husband to 135 East Union Street, Circleville, one block from the Church and parsonage.

A proud and determined man, Richard painstakingly inched his way around his home and yard using one cane until 1952 when he began using two. Following the advent of television, homebound Richard's passion was watching wrestling on TV. He also played dominoes, Chinese checkers and other puzzle-type games with his granddaughter, and always won. He died on August 4, 1953, after a brief stay at Brown Memorial Nursing Home, Circleville.

"Mamie's" passions were gardening, singing, piano, cooking, and playing "Yuker" with her friends. Her daily routine involved listening to "Fibber McGee and Molly" on the radio, taking an afternoon nap, Geritol, and one Carter's little liver pill, and cutting or stitching squares of cloth to store in a homemade wooden quilting box. She was known for leading women's Bible studies and adult Sunday school classes. Her "lemon fluff" and date pudding won culinary accolades, although her grandchildren preferred her coffeecake, apple dumplings and baked cup-custard. Her granddaughter enjoyed playing "Flinch" with her and helping with many household chores now considered "old-fashioned".

About 1966, "Mamie" sold the house she had called home for some thirty years, moving to Columbus near her widowed daughter, Anna Marie. She died at home on a stroke March 31, 1969.

Richard and Mary Fellmeth and their daughter, Anna Marie, are buried in adjacent plots in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

-Submitted by Billie Navarro

FENSTERMAKER

The first Fenstermakers to make Pickaway County their home were Paul and Irma, arriving in Williamsport, Ohio on June 10, 1945, their first wedding anniversary. Both came from farm backgrounds, Paul, in the Baltimore-Thurston area, son of Charles and Alice Mast Fenstermaker, born 9-22-20. Irma lived near Grove City, daughter of Robert and Alice Schmidt Lewis, born 2-27-23.

Paul obtained a BS in Agriculture at Ohio

State University in 1942, completing a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1945. Irma, a RN, graduated from OSU School of Nursing in 1944.

Some members of the Fenstermaker family. L to R: Lisa Joseph, Becky Messer, Paul & Irma, Nancy Heskett, Rae, Kyle & Kate Joseph.

Paul began practicing veterinary medicine in the village of Williamsport, Ohio. In ensuing years they lived in several locations until 1961 when they moved to their new home south of Williamsport on the banks of Deercreek. There they reared their children, raised suffolk sheep, which began as 4-H projects and Paul, with Irma's assistance, continued his veterinary practice of mostly food animals.

The family has been active in community affairs - members of the Williamsport United Methodist Church and leaders in Boy and Girl Scouts and 4-H. Paul was on the Deercreek Board of Education, the first Westfall Board of Education and served for 23 years on the County Health Board. He is an Honor Roll Member of AVMA, Life Member OVMA, AABP, and AASP. Irma is a Life Member of the Auxiliary to OMVA and served on the Pickaway County Library Board.

Children, spouses and grandchildren

Eric, of jeopardy fame, an attorney and his wife Nancy Manring, an associate professor at Ohio University in Athens with their children Evan, 13, and Emma, 8.

Nancy, an evaluator at Pickaway Ross Joint Vocational School , and her husband William Heskett, a financial officer with General Electric, commute between Maryland and their farm outside of Williamsport. They have three children: Traci Scamahorn, DVM and her husband Brad with children Madison, 5, and Lucas, 9 months, live in Boonville, Indiana. Travis Heskett, DVM, and his wife, Jenny, DVM, are currently living in Saskatoon, Canada. (Traci, Travis and Jenny are all Purdue Veterinary College graduates) Malinda Heskett is a graduate of Miami and spent two years as a Peace Corps worker in Belize. She is now a teacher in Denver, Colorado.

Rebecca Messer, a retired art teacher, has two sons who are University of Kentucky graduates. Jeb is a computer engineer, Will is a second year law student.

Rachel, a Westfall Middle School science teacher, and her husband Dave Joseph, a carpenter, live in Jackson Township and have three children. Kate is a Westfall H.S. and Miami University graduate and is completing a masters program at Vanderbilt University. Lisa is a Westfall graduate and is in her senior year at Miami University. Kyle is a junior at Westfall High School.

The family has enjoyed country living including many pastimes and hobbies, such as hiking, exploring Deercreek, and chasing mushrooms, birds and flowers. They are also avid readers, love antiques, crafts, games, and crossword puzzles.

One satisfying family event was traveling to all of Ohio's 88 counties, photographing the bicentennial barns.

-Submitted by Paul Fenstermaker

FETHEROLF

We first heard of the Fetterolf family as French Hugenots, or Protestants, living in eastern France. The fled from France to Germany between 1575 and 1600, joined the Luther movement and assisted in bringing about the Reformation. The survivors of the movement later emigrated to America.

Four Generations. Daniel Fetherolf, Ida Hazel (Fetherolf) Bower, Robert E. Bower and Robert L. Bower. Picture taken in 1945 at the Dr. Jackson Family Farm on Tarlton Road.

Peter Fetterolf, son of Jacob Fetterolf of Wachland, Holland, was born in 1699. He married Maria Rothermal in 1729. They arrived in America aboard the ship Thistle, 8/29/1730 and landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The group, aboard the ship, settled in Hereford, Twp., Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Peter and Maria raised six children. One son Phillip Fetherolf and his wife, Catherine, migrated to Hocking County, Ohio. After the War of 1812, their oldest son, Benjamin Fetherolf, and his wife Hannah left Berks County, PA, and located near South Perry in Hocking County, Ohio. They had ten children. Their third oldest son, David Fetherolf, was born 8/2/1820 and died in 1908. He married Rebecca Gaul, born 11/14/1819 and died 9/22/1907. David and Rebecca had three children. Their second oldest son, Daniel, was born 10/20/1850 and died 3/29/1947.

Daniel Fetherolf married Ellen Fox on 12/1/1875. Ellen was born 3/30/1855 and died 3/29/1918. Ellen was the daughter of Peter and Deborah (White) Fox. Daniel and Ellen raised five children and lived at the location of 12167 Hayesville Road in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County. Their youngest daughter was Ida Hazel Fetherolf, born 11/25/1894 and died in 1975.

Ida Hazel Fetherolf married William Kelson Bower, who was born 9/22/1912 in Colerain Township, Ross County, Ohio. He died in 1981. William Kelson Bower was the son of William Lewis and Laura Ellen (Flaningam) Bower. William Kelson and Ida Hazel (Fetherolf) Bower were parents to seven children. Their oldest son was Robert Eugene Bower, born 12/18/1915 and died 2/8/1992.

Robert E. Bower married Sarah Elizabeth Heffner on 9/1/1935. Sarah Elizabeth was born 8/22/1913 and died June 22, 1999. Their only child born to them was Robert Louis Bower, born 4/25/1944.

Robert L. Bower married Melodee Colleen Bartholomew 10/1/1967. Melodee was born 1/9/1945. Robert and Melodee have two children, John Michael Bower, born 8/20/1970 and Carey Suzanne Bower, born 5/31/1973. Carey married Timothy Ward on 7/5/2003.

-Submitted by Carey S. (Bower) Ward

GEORGE ALBERT FIELDS FAMILY

George Albert Fields was born December 14, 1923 in Adams County, Ohio to Harley A. and Rachel Annie Cook Fields. Albert graduated from Marshall High School in Adams County. He farmed with his father in Highland County, near Hillsboro, Ohio.

On March 12, 1950, at the Methodist Church in Hillsboro, Ohio, he married Ruth Marie Vance. Ruth was born November 15, 1925, at Hillsboro, Ohio in Highland County. Daughter of Elmer Miller and Mary Lydia Gibson Vance, she graduated from Hillsboro High School. Ruth worked as a secretary at Cussins & Fearn and Forest Service in Columbus, Ohio, prior to moving to Pickaway County. She worked at the Marine Mart Trailer Sales on State Route 62 near Harrisburg, Ohio. Later she retired from the State of Ohio in 1997 after working at Orient Developmental Center and Correctional Reception Center at Orient where she was an Account Clerk Supervisor in the Business Office.

The Fields family came to Pickaway County in March of 1952. They located in Northern Pickaway County on the W. Chaney Vance farm on London Road near Derby, Ohio and helped farm his land until they could purchase equipment to farm on their own land. They then rented land on the shares and later purchased land in the same area. They attend the Derby United Methodist Church and are active in the community.

Their son, Jerrold Albert Fields, was born July 13, 1953. As soon as he was old enough he took an interest in farming and helped work on the farm. He was active in the Cub Scouts and 4-H Clubs. Jerrold graduated from Westfall High

School and Bowling Green State University, he taught Industrial Arts at Westfall Middle School. After teaching several years, he now farms the family farm, his own land and rented land in Northern Pickaway County. Jerrold is currently a Darby Township Trustee, Farm Bureau Member and serves as a Director on the Champaign Landmark Board.

Albert Fields with farmhands, Shirley & Jarrold on a 1957 Minneapolis Moline 445 tractor near Derby, Ohio. September 1962.

Their daughter, Shirley Fields was born June 5, 1958. She liked living on the farm and was active in 4-H Clubs, band and choir. She graduated from Westfall High School. Shirley started working at Orient Developmental Center and then attended Central Ohio Technical College in Newark, Ohio to become a Registered Nurse. She later earned a Master's in Nursing from The Ohio State University. She currently teaches at The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. She is active in the American Nurses Association and the Derby United Methodist Church. She married Timothy Cole McCoy on October 22, 1988. They live on a farm in Northern Pickaway County. Their daughter Amy Elizabeth was born July 22, 1991.

Albert and Ruth worked together on the farm as well as at other jobs. Albert served as Darby Township Clerk from 1964-1988 and retired from farming in 1989. He is a member of the Pickaway County Farmers Club, Derby Mens Club and I.O.O.F. Lodge. They both enjoy their family, traveling and antiques.

-Submitted by Ruth Vance Fields

MAJOR ROSE MARY MCKENZIE FIELDS

Major Rose Mary McKenzie Fields was born March 28, 1912, in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, the daughter of Samuel Patrick and Florence (Petty) McKenzie. She graduated from Pickaway Township High School in 1930.

After graduation, Rose Mary attended Ohio State University, then she enrolled in the Lancaster Municipal School of Nursing in Lancaster, Ohio. After she received her diploma as a registered nurse in Ohio, she did private duty nursing in Lancaster and Circleville, Ohio.

From June 1940 to May 1941, Rose Mary enrolled in a post graduate course in Obstetrics at the Women's Hospital in New York City, New York. After graduating from the Women's Hospital, she joined the United States Army Nurse Corps reporting to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. After her training at Fort Jackson, she was stationed at Fort Gulick in the Canal Zone.

Rose Mary was stationed in many hospitals: some in California; Osaka, Japan; Michigan; Texas; Oklahoma; Germany; and Tachikawa, Japan.

Rose Mary enjoyed doing private duty nursing because she was able to work directly with the patients. Rose Mary received the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service from March 12, 1958 to June 30, 1961. She retired from the Army Nurse Corps as a Major on June 30, 1961.

Taken December 1957. USAH Munich, Germany. Rose Mary McKenzie. Captain A NC

Rose Mary was married to Michael J. Fields November 14, 1959. Michael's home was in New Orleans, Louisiana. After Rose Mary and her husband retired from the service, they came back to Rose Mary's home in Circleville, Ohio. Michael died October 6, 1996, and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

After coming back to Circleville, Rose Mary was a volunteer registered nurse for the Red Cross in Pickaway County for 41 years. She received a pin from the Red Cross in recognition of her outstanding service for 41 years as a registered volunteer nurse. She was also a volunteer for the craft program at the Pickaway County Senior Center.

Major Rose Mary McKenzie Fields lives in Circleville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Ruth Thompson

RICHARD FISHER FAMILY

Richard (Dick) and Marilyn (Lyn) Fisher chose Circleville, Ohio to be their home in 1957 following his honorable discharge for the U.S. Navy. Dick taught history and government at Circleville High School until achieving his guidance counselor credentials. Dick's other school activities were coaching football, basketball, baseball and officiating the first two. Lyn taught sixth grade one year at Franklin Street Elementary, later at Jackson Elementary in the Westfall Local School District where she helped establish an Outdoor Lab. Both were Capital University graduates with Masters from O.S.U. for Dick and University of Dayton for Lyn.

Daughter Linda (Mrs. Jack Knicely) is the mother of Hayley and Lucas and is a guidance counselor at Canal Winchester High School. Kathy (Mrs. Michael Green) is the mother of Carly Green and Brian Wiliams. Kathy is a computer engineer with Sun Micro Systems. Son Bradley and his wife, Nicole, are the parents of Sarah, Emily, and Nickolas Fisher. Brad works for the U.S. State Department and has served in Germany, Taiwan, Okinawa, Hong Kong, and Beijing, China.

Dick and Lyn were elected to the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 2004 for their service to their church and the community.

Dick's father was Arthur Fisher, a dairy farmer in Franklin County, Ohio, later moving to Madison County. Arthur and wife, Kathryn, were active in Farm Bureau and Grange as well as St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Rome. Dick's grandfather, Andrew Fisher, married Mary Michel in 1883 and they farmed on Fisher Road prior to moving to New Rome, Ohio. Andrew was the son of immigrant, George Fisher and wife, Barbara Meier who came from Alsace-Lorraine, France. They also were farmers on Fisher Road, Franklin County.

Dick's mother, Kathryn Krohn Fisher, was the daughter of Karl Herman Krohn and Bertha Patzke Krohn. Karl was a farmer and blacksmith immigrating first to Canal Winchester, Ohio and later living in Pickaway, Franklin and Madison Counties, Ohio.

Richard Fisher Family, 431 Holiday Lane. 1975

Lyn's father, W. Fred Gauggel, was a teacher at Linden McKinley, Columbus, Ohio and musician playing the organ at St. Matthew Lutheran in Columbus for over 40 years. His father, John, emigrated from Nusplingen, Germany with his wife, Rosa Aenishanslin Gauggel, of Gelterkinden, Switzerland. John was a shoemaker for the Columbus School for the Retarded.

Mildred Matheny Gauggel, Lyn's mother, was a piano teacher and dedicated wife and church worker. Her parents, Ernest and Edna Reed Matheny, lived in Columbus experiencing the 1913 flood, following which they moved to the hilltop. Ernest's father, James Henry Matheny, was a woodworker on the railroad and repaired canal locks around Sugar Grove,

Ohio, which is where the family farm was from. James's father, Nathaniel, was the son of Jacob and Anna Catherine Matheny, who had moved to Licking County, Ohio following their marriage in 1817 in Monongalia, Virginia. They moved to Fairfield County in 1835 where Jacob farmed and Anna healed neighbors with knowledge gained from the Indians according to her obituary. Jacob can be traced back to Daniel Mathena who came to the new world in the 1600's.

-Submitted by Lyn Fisher

VICTOR REED FISHER

Victor Reed Fisher was the son of David Fisher and Nancy Louise Hott, and the grandson of John Fisher and Elizabeth Decker of Fredrick County, Virginia. John and Elizabeth were married in 1807. By 1810 they had moved to Pickaway County, Ohio, settling in Madison Township on the northeast corner of Section 33. John served in the War of 1812. To this family were born eleven children: Anna, Hiram, Polly, Conrad, David, John Jr., Ivy, Gabriel, George, Elizabeth, and Luke.

Victor Reed Fisher. February 5, 1842 – May 18, 1919. Outdoorsman and Ohio Canal Pioneer.

David, the fifth child, grew up in what was a typical early 1800 household. In 1814 he married a petite lady named Nancy Louise Hott in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, where they made their home. Their first child, Victor Reed Fisher, was born February 5, 1842.

Victor Reed Fisher was raised in a religious home, loving people and nature. On March 14, 1867, at age twenty-five, in Pickaway County, Ohio, Victor married Sarah Clementine Whitehead. From this marriage Victor and Sarah were blessed with seven children, five boys and two girls. Victor farmed the land as well as working as a toll gate keeper at the Ohio Canal, three miles north of South Bloomfield on the Columbus Pike.

Around 1885, at the age of 43, Victor built a houseboat and moved Sarah and children Alonzo, Delano Morgan, Dollie Lenora, and Mary Altna, up the Ohio Canal from Duvall, Pickaway County, to settle for a while in what was known as Licking Reservoir. Licking Reservoir later became known as Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

Among all their belongings loaded into this houseboat was a very large heavy upright piano. Years later Victor gave the piano to his son Alonzo and his wife Lucretia Dale Hamilton for their home. Some forty years later this piano was moved to Columbus, Ohio by Lucretia, and the writer of this sketch took her first piano lessons on this unusual piano. The piano had beautiful carvings and a nice tone quality. It was originally built for riverboats, so it had extra heavy wiring to withstand the dampness.

Victor and Sarah were one of the first families to settle in the new Licking Reservoir area. His love for hunting and fishing were truly gratified. As more folks learned about the area their circle of friends grew and everyone enjoyed their friendship and hospitality. A large party was held for them to mark their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Victor's quiet deep religious convictions helped him through 12 years of illness. Prayer to his God from whom he drew great comfort and consolation marked his latter days. Original notes read at his funeral include: "His devoted family can never know how he suffered and yet in all he never lost heart, but grew more and more other worldly: heaven becoming dearer and nearer and earth gradually lost it's attraction. When the end finally came he quietly sweetly fell asleep as one lying down to pleasant dreams." His obituary indicated he was known and remembered by all the older citizens of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, where he was born and lived his early life. He passed away May 18, 1919 in Licking County, Ohio.

After Victor's death his wife Sarah Clementine Whitehead Fisher lived with her daughter Mary Altna Fisher Rosebraugh (John) at Buckeye Lake, Ohio and her other daughter Dollie Lenora Fisher Holbrook (Reynolds) in Columbus, Ohio. Sarah passed away May 23, 1930 in Columbus, Ohio. This writer had the privilege of knowing Sarah and had the unique happenstance of sharing June 5th as a mutual birthdate. Sarah is buried at the Millersport Cemetery in Millersport, Ohio and Victor is buried in Fletcher Chapel Cemetery near Millersport.

Victor Reed Fisher's parents are buried in Harrison Township Cemetery, Pickaway County. His grandparents are buried on the Elmer Hines Farm, Madison Township, Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Jean Parks Williams

JOHN & SARAH WEAVER FOGLER FAMILY

There is not a lot of history about the Fogler's. No research has been done any farther back than John and Sarah Weaver Fogler. They lived in Hocking County. John and Sarah had three children, Ida Blanche, Daniel Allen and William Mather. They also had a set of twins, Cora and Dora who passed away when they were very young and are buried in the old part of the Tarlton Cemetery, Tarlton, Ohio. John and Sarah both passed away in 1922 within five months of each other and are also buried in the Tarlton Cemetery.

John had a brother Allen. He and his wife Laura lived on a farm in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County. They had a son Clifford who practiced dentistry in Amanda. We believe his office was in a stone house on Main Street. Clifford and his wife moved to Idaho. Allen died in 1931 and Laura died in 1934.

After Allen and Laura's death their heirs Blanche, Dan and William inherited the farm in Saltcreek Township. Dan and William worked on the farm all their lives along with their nephew Loren.

Daniel married Hazel Kuhn in 1925 in Hocking County. They built their home on the land that they inherited. Hazel passed away in 1976 and Daniel passed away in 1986. Their grandson Rick and his wife Tammy (Welliver) Fogler now reside in that home. Dan and Hazel had two children, Dale and Evelyn.

Dale married Florence McGinnis in 1953 and they had two children Joyce Ann and Dale Eric. Joyce married Scott Ward in 1979 and they had two children, Tiffany and Scott Daniel. Joyce remarried in 2003 to Pastor Stuart John Michles. Dale Eric married Nicole Kelley in 1996; they have two children Davy and Darby.

Evelyn married Maurice Turvey in 1953 and they had three children: Daniel, Denise and Scott. Daniel Turvey married Melanie Russell in 1986; they have three children: Tyler, Jessica and Mason. Denise Turvey is a nurse at the VA hospital in Chillicothe. Scott Turvey married Susan Wheaton in 1987 and they have two children, Shauna and Shanna.

William and his wife Ada (Wynkoop) lived on the home place. Ada passed away in 1979 and William passed away in 1990. They had two girls, Frances and Marie. Frances Fogler Hedges lives in Thornville, Ohio with her nine children nearby. Marie Fogler married Joe Sharpe and resides in Oakland, Ohio. They had two children, Roxanne, who married James Osborn, and Randy.

Blanche had one son, Loren. Loren (Neola Thurston) were the parents of Nancy Hill. Nancy had one daughter Stacy. Blanche died in 1954. Loren passed away in 2000.

Pat and Herb Speakman purchased the Fogler farm. They built a house and reside there on Mowery Road.

-Submitted by Joyce Ann (Fogler) Michles

DONALD RICHARD FORQUER

Donald Richard Forquer was born July 26, 1940 in Berger Hospital, Circleville, Ohio. He is the oldest child of Donald T. (1920-2002) and Mary Ellen (Pontius) Forquer (1928-1970). Both parents are from early families in Ohio and Pickaway County. Don R.'s grandparents were Charles and Belva (Thomas) Forquer and Norman and Georgia (Arledge) Pontius.

Don had two brothers – James Lee (1943-1956) and Robert Norman (1949) and one sister, Bonnie Sue (1947). Jimmy Lee drowned in a tragic farm pond accident on June 24, 1956. Bonnie married Robert Remy (1946-1976) and had two children, Mark Allen (1970) and Julie Suzanne (1972). Bonnie later married Dana Cox (1947-2002). Julie married C. William (Bill) Cubbison (1969) and they have 4 children, Matthew (1998), Nicholas (1999), Ellie (2001) and

Emma (2004). Robert married Debra Flowers (1952) and they have one son, Matthew (1971). He and his wife Amanda Sprouse Forquer (1974) have 2 children, Madison (1999) and Carson Robert (2004).

Taken at Christmas 1950. Farquer. Donald (30), Mary Ellen (27), Donnie (10) Jimmie Lee (7), Bonnie Sue (3) Bobby (21 mo.)

Don grew up on the farm and graduated from Walnut Township High School, Pickaway County, in 1958, and was honored to receive the first diploma granted by the newly consolidated Teays Valley School District, Pickaway County. He received his BS in Education from Ohio University in 1962 where he was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity and the Lutheran Student Association. Upon graduation from OU he became the first school librarian at the new Teays Valley High School. After 5 years he transferred to Pleasant View H.S. at Grove City, Ohio where he served 3 years before returning to the Teays Valley District as Sixth Grade teacher at Scioto Elementary for 15 years. In 1985 the sixth grade was integrated into the new TV Middle School where he spent his final 8 years teaching sixth grade Social Studies.

Don has been very active in Community Affairs. Early in his career he joined the Ashville, Ohio Kiwanis Club and served as President in 1976. He also served as club secretary for 15 years as well as Division Lt. Governor. As a member of the Ashville Community Club he was Chairman of the 4th of July Fish Fry for 25 years.

He petitioned Lockbourne Masonic Lodge on his 21st birthday and was raised a Master Mason on March 22, 1962. He has been a faithful and devoted member of the order. Three times he was Master of the Lodge. He is also a past presiding officer of Walnut Chapter-Royal Arch Masons, Tyrian Council Royal & Select Masons and Scioto Commandery Knights Templar. Don is a member of many other Masonic groups and is a Charter member of the Past Masters Unit of Aladdin Shrine. After joining Nebraska Grange #64 in Walnut Township he became Master of the Grange and continues in that capacity.

Don was baptized in St. Paul Lutheran Church near Ashville as a baby. Later he was confirmed in Israel Lutheran Congregation at Dutch Hollow. As a college student he became a member of Trinity Lutheran in Circleville and presently attends St. Mark Lutheran in Columbus. He has always been proud of the fact that he won the prize for the "Prettiest white baby" at the 1941 Pumpkin Show. Both his brother Bob and sister Bonnie took 1st prizes in later Pumpkin Shows. Jimmy Lee was denied a chance at this honor as the Show was canceled due to WWII during his young childhood. Most of Don's adult life has been spent in the Ashville area.

-Submitted by Don Forquer

FORTE FAMILY

In the 1920's Joseph Forte's grandparents, the DeSimones and the Fortes, came from Italy to the U.S. Philip and Christina DeSimone settled in Marcus Hook, PA and Giacomo and Yolanda Forte settled in Chester, Pennsylvania. Their children, Maria DeSimone and Thomas Forte married in 1948. Joe was their first born in 1951 in Chester, PA followed by Tom and Susan. The family lived in Brookhaven, PA.

Sheryl Tyler Forte's parents, Clifford Tyler of Wellesley, MA and Shirley Darling of Bellingham, MA, married in 1947. Sheryl was born in 1951 in Newton, Maine and her brother, Jim, in 1955. The family lived in Wellesley and Framingham, MA and in Huntington and Wappingers Falls, New York. Sheryl is a descendant of Job Tyler of England. Based on documentation she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution because of the service of Lt. Moses Tyler, her fourth great grandfather.

Joe and Sheryl married in 1973 in Poughkeepsie, NY. They lived in Newark, Delaware where Joe was employed as a mechanical engineer for DuPont. Both of their children were born in Wilmington, DE; Jonathan in 1979 and Matthew in 1983. Joe was transferred by DuPont to Circleville, OH in 1983.

Joe and Sheryl have been active in the community, especially through scouting. Joe was Cub Master and Sheryl as a Den Leader for many years for Cub Scout Pack 130. When Jonathan and Matthew finished Cub Scouts, Joe moved up to Boy Scouts with them and became Scoutmaster. Both boys earned the Eagle Rank in Boy Scout Troop 52. Joe and Sheryl are members of Community United Methodist Church where they serve on various committees and teach Sunday School. They are also members of an 18th century re-enacting group, the Ohio County Militia, that does programs for schools and civic organizations and attends several historic events or re-enactments a year. Sheryl is a volunteer at the Pickaway County Genealogical Library.

Jonathan attended the University of Toledo where he received his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Civil Engineering. In January 2005 he married Candice Salerno of Hinckley, OH and moved to Oklahoma City, OK where he works for Terracon. Matthew will graduate in May 2005 from Kent State with a Bachelors Degree in Journalism.

-Submitted by Sheryl Forte

TIMOTHY B. & GALE S. FOUCH FAMILY

Timothy Brian Fouch, son of Doyle B. and Bonnie I. (Jackson) Fouch, was born April 7, 1959 in Berger Hospital, Circleville, Ohio. He married Gale Sue Hensley on April 4, 1981 in the Church of Christ in Christian Union, Circleville, by the Rev. David L. Dignal. Gale is the daughter of Calvin F. and Evelyn S. (Reeser) Hensley, born at Berger Hospital on July 6, 1960. Tim and Gale met while they were students at Logan Elm High School, Circleville, Ohio. Tim is a member of the class of 1977 and Gale the class of 1979.

Timothy has many memories of his childhood homes on Wolfe Road in Pickaway County, Ohio and also on Tarlton Road that he shared with his parents and four brothers – Steve, Greg, Mark and Chris. Timothy is the fourth son in his family.

Don R. Forquer and Grandparents on 2nd Birthday. Charles & Belva Forque, Don, Norma, & Georgia Pontius.

Candice, Jonathan, Joe, Sheryl, Matthew. 1/21/05. Taken at the rehearsal dinner for Jonathan and Candice's wedding.

Timothy & Gale Fouch, 4/4/81.

Kasandra, Gale, Evan, Tim, & Hallie Fouch. Sept. 1990.

Gale grew up in Jefferson Addition near Circleville, Ohio on Puthuff Street with her mother, father, sister Kathy and brothers Jack and Ronnie.

Timothy and Gale are parents of three children: Kasandra Nicole, born December 3, 1985 at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio; and twins – daughter Hallie Katherine and son Evan Howard-Jackson born on June 27, 1990 at Riverside Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Their first grandchild, Konnor Emmett Starkey-Fouch, was born on February 5, 2004 at Riverside Hospital.

The Fouch's made their home on Old Tarlton Pike, Circleville, first living at 6731 Old Tarlton Pike from June, 1987 to September, 1993, and then building their current home at 6747 Old Tarlton Pike in September, 1993.

-Submitted by Gayle Fouch

FOUTS FAMILY

Dannie R. and Esther J. Fouts came to Circleville, OH, in August 1966. Dannie was born September 21, 1944 to David R. and Esther O. Fouts in Zanesville, OH., and lived with his parents and brother, Ronnie A. Fouts, in Philo, OH. In 1966, Dannie graduated with honors from Muskingum College, New Concord, OH, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and a minor in mathematics. Esther J. Case was born February 29, 1944, to Ernest and Evangeline Case in Beloit, OH, and lived with her parents, five brothers and two sisters in Beloit, OH. In 1966 Esther graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, OH, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Music Education. Dannie and Esther met while working as students in the dining halls at Muskingum College and were married on August 14, 1966, at the United Presbyterian Church in Sebring, OH.

Dannie taught math and algebra at the Junior High School on Mill Street, Circleville, OH from 1966-1977. During those years he coached basketball and football at the junior high level. He coached backfield with the football team at Circleville High School where he also was the head baseball coach.

In the fall of 1977 Dannie became the Life and Health Insurance specialist for Hummel and Plum Insurance Agency in Circleville, and in 1983 formed his own agency, Hummel and Plum Life Insurance Agency, Inc. Dannie is an active member and is on the Board of Directors for YMCA of Pickaway County, is a merit badge counselor for Boy Scouts of America, is a member of the National Council on Youth Leadership, is a member and past president of Rotary and is on the Board of Directors of the Citizens Bank of Ashville. An active member of Community United Methodist Church, Dannie has served as chair of Finance, the Administrative Council, United Methodist Men and Sunday School Superintendent. Dannie was a member of the second class and served as an emergency medical technician with the Circleville EMS until 1982.

Esther Fouts taught public school music at Pickaway Township School, Logan Elm School District, 1966-1969. Esther is a member of Community United Methodist Church in Circleville, where she became director of the children's choir in 1967. In 1977 she also became director of the adult choir and was the music director until retirement in 2000. Esther taught piano, violin and voice to many young people in Pickaway County and has provided vocal and violin music for numerous weddings and entertainment for local events. Esther is an active member of the Pickaway County family YMCA.

The Fouts have two sons. Michael Todd Fouts was born February 6, 1970. He graduated from Logan Elm High School, Circleville, in 1988, and has a degree in Specialized Studies from Ohio University, Athens, OH. Todd married Hiroko Abe on February 2, 2003, and lives in Tokyo, Japan, with their son, Kai Jacob Fouts, born January 26, 2004. Todd is the Chief Editor for Eiken, the Society for Testing English Proficiency, in Tokyo, Japan.

Scott Daniel Fouts, born January 1, 1972, graduated from Logan Elm High School, Circleville, in 1990. After serving in the United States Army Military Intelligence Corp in the United States and Germany for four years, Scott joined his father, Dannie Fouts, in the Hummel and Plum Life Insurance Agency in Circleville. Scott served as President of the Board of the Circleville-Pickaway Chamber of Commerce in 2003. Scott married Julie Ballard on September 18, 2004. They live in Circleville.

Dannie and Esther first lived on East Mill Street in a house owned by Leon Van Vliet, former postmaster at the Circleville Post office. In 1969 they bought a house at 390 Avon Drive and in August, 1977, purchased a house at 7711 Parker Drive in Washington Township, Circleville.

-Submitted by Esther Fouts

BURTON AND URSA (DUMM) FOX

Ursa May Dumm, daughter of William (b. 5-28-1852, d. 12-29-1953) and Mary Elizabeth (Myers) (b. 8-5-1851, d. 8-25-1897), was born on February 2, 1879 and died in June of 1958. She grew up on a farm with her older sister Lula Dumm Daugherty Bennett (b. 12-26-1875, d. 12-8-1961) near the Tarlton and Kingston, Ohio area.

Ursa married Burton (known as Bert) David Fox, who was born in Kansas on 12-8-1880 (d. 10-1959) to James P.K. Fox (d. 5-15-1887) and Adaline Wilkins Fox (d. 2-4-1915). The family was from Whisler, Ohio. Adaline's parents were

Ursa & Burton Fox on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

John Wilkins, died in 1882, and Sarah, died in 1894, they are buried in Gibisonville, Ohio. Ursa and Bert were married on December 12, 1901 and are both buried in the Prairie View Cemetery in Whisler, Ohio.

Ursa and Bert set up housekeeping and farming on the Weden Orr Farm on Orr Road in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio. A few days later her brother-in-law, David Daugherty, was shot at a belling at their home on December 19, 1901 and died there from his injuries.

Ursa and Bert had six children: Ora Bell (b. 8-1-1902, d. 7-15-1995), Earl K. (b. 9-2-1904, d. 2-9-1987), Charles R. (b. 12-15-1909, d. 8-1-1990), Mildred E. (b. 2-3-1912, d. 11-6-2000), Erma L. (b. 9-8-1916) and Richard L. (b. 9-24-1921).

Five of the children attended Saltcreek School in Pickaway County, Ohio with Ora graduating in 1921 and in 1922 the family moved to the village of Hallsville in Ross County, Ohio and continued to farm.

Charles, Mildred, Erma, and Richard attended Centralia High School near Kinnikinnick in Ross County. Charles, Erma and Richard graduated from there.

Ora married Howard Hinton (b. 9-20-1898, d. 1973) from the Kingston area on October 23, 1925 and had two daughters, Ann (Ed Williams) of Columbus who has two daughters Susan and Patty; and Jean (Lester Buffinton) of New Hampshire and has two sons Keith and Craig. Howard was the son of Robert and Sarah Hinton of Whisler. Ora and Howard are buried in Prairie View Cemetery in Whisler.

Earl married Alice Yaple on March 24, 1928 and had one son Dale B. (b. 5-3-1936, d. 3-15-2003) who married Ann Rupert and has two daughters, Kay (Andy Smith) of Chillicothe and Dawn (Royce Lemley) of Kingston, Ohio. Earl is buried in Hallsville.

Charles married Evelyn Althouse on September 13, 1932 and had no children. He was a minister and once lived in Logan and retired to an apartment at Otterbein House and they are buried in Lebanon, Ohio.

Mildred married Donald T. Norman (b. 3-6-1911, d. 12-14-1997) on April 1, 1933 and had a son Roger (b. 1-21-1936). They are buried at Hallsville. Roger and wife Patti live in Fairborn, Ohio. He has four children.

Erma never married and lives in Logan, Ohio.

She worked for Cussin and Fern and later retired from Sears.

Richard married Ellen Smith on 5-4-1946 and has one daughter, Kathleen (Dale) Redman and lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

-Submitted by Erma Fox

FOX-HEFFNER-MAXSON FAMILY

James William Fox (1878-1952) was the son of James P. Fox (1848-1887) and Adaline Wilkins (1849-1915). James P. and Adaline were married on June 19, 1870 and are buried in Salem Cemetery in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

James William married Josephine Diantha Heffner (1882-1980) on November 30, 1899. She was the daughter of John Burns Heffner (1850-1931) and Diantha Ellen Imler (1852-1930). John and Diantha were married on November 18, 1869 and are buried in Prairie View Cemetery, Whisler, Ohio. John Heffner's parents were Jacob Heffner (1818-1900) and Margaret Burns (1823-1897). They were married on August 26, 1849. Diantha Imler's parents were Moses Imler (1824-1900) and Harriett Rockey (1831-1907). They are buried at the Imler Cemetery, Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County. Jacob's parents were Abraham Heffner (1778-1868) and Catherine (1786-1866). Abraham and Catherine came to Ohio (Pickaway County?) around 1805 from Brook County, Pennsylvania. They are buried in Prairie View Cemetery.

James William & Josephine Diantha Fox. 50th Wedding Anniversary.

James William and Josephine Fox lived on Jacob Heffner's farm near Whisler, Ohio and had a small hardware store in Amanda, Ohio. They would later move to the town of Whisler. They had six children: three sons and three daughters. 1) Lawrence (1st wife, Florence, 2nd wife, Lillian); 2) Beulah (married Claude Crawford); 3) Ralph (married and divorced 1st wife Virginia and then married Dorothy); 4) Jeannette Ruth (1917-1990) married Clarence Manon Maxson (1913) son of Margaret Young (1892-1963) and Nathon Manon Maxson (1885-1950); twins 5) James Eldon (married Dorothy) and 6) Evelyn (married Carroll Minor). James William and Josephine are buried in the Prairie View Cemetery, Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County.

Jeannette and Clarence Maxson were married March 17, 1934 and had three children: 1) Donald Richard (born July 19, 1934) married and divorced Mary Lou Stevison (born August 16, 1936) daughter of Louis William Stevison (1885-1940) and Anna Mary Scherer (1902-1992) then married Nancy Goldsberry. 2) Ramon Elgin (married Nancy Hinton), and 3) Wanda Marlene (married and divorced David Luckhart and then married George Butler). Clarence was a farmer and grain elevator owner and Jeannette was a housewife, 4-H leader, and an avid flower gardener. Jeannette is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Donald and Mary Lou Maxson were married September 6, 1953 at Browns Chapel Methodist Church in Ross County, Ohio and divorced in 1977. They had six children: three sons and three daughters. 1) Melanie Lynne (born May 10, 1955) married July 29, 1978 to David Eugene Schleich (born May 15, 1949, see Grice-Schleich Family) son of Eugene Leonard Schleich and Kathryn Mae Hooks. David and Melanie have two sons, David Eugene, Jr. (D.J.) born February 12, 1979 and Tyler David born February 23, 1982, 2) Donald Richard, Jr. (1956), 3) Lonnie Manon (1957), 4) Kevelyn Shaun (1959-1998), is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio, 5) Ronald Glenn (1963), and 6) Anjanette Ruth (1964). Donald and Mary Lou Maxson lived on Jacob Heffner's farm when they started housekeeping.

-Submitted by Melanie Lynn Maxson Schleich

RICHARD & JO ANN FOX

Richard Eldon Fox, son of Eldon and Nellie Fox, was born in Hocking County, Ohio on August 29, 1934. He graduated from Laurelville High School in 1953 and enlisted in the US Army, attaining the rank of SP3. On April 2, 1955, he married Jo Ann O'Dell, daughter of Ira and Grace Bond O'Dell. Jo Ann was born September 10, 1935 in Richwood, West Virginia.

After being discharged from the army, the young couple settled in Circleville, Ohio. Richard was employed by E.I. DuPont & Company for 36 years, retiring in 1994. His wife, Jo Ann, was employed as a teacher's aide by the Pickaway County Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities until she retired in 1994.

September 1996.

To this union two sons were born at Berger Hospital. Richard Scott was born March 25, 1961, graduated from Circleville High School in 1979, obtained his bachelor degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and his Executive MBA from Villanova University in Pennsylvania. He married Ellen Jackson from Winchester, Virginia and they have two children, Richard born in 1989 and Katie, born in 1990. Rick now has a position with Aqua America in Charlotte, North Carolina. Bradley was born in 1963, graduated from Circleville High School in 1981, earned his BS in Materials Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and a Ph.D. in Material Science from the University of Virginia. Brad married Lynn Oliver from Providence, Rhode Island and they have two daughters, Elizabeth, born in 1995 and Emily born in 1998. Dr. Fox is the Executive Director of the Master Engineering Management Program at Duke University.

Jo Ann is a descendent of pioneer and Revolutionary War soldier, Jeremiah O'Dell. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is very proud of her heritage.

Dick passed away March 30, 1999 from pancreatic cancer and is buried in Forest Cemetery. Although neither Dick nor Jo Ann were Pickaway County natives, Circleville was a wonderful place to settle and rear their family.

-Submitted by Jo Ann Fox

FRAZIER-MABE FAMILY

Robert Deane and Melissa Ann Frazier Mabe and their family reside in Ashville, Ohio. Melissa Frazier was born on February 4, 1961 in Circleville, Ohio, the daughter of Barbara J. (Ward) and Neal M. Frazier. Barbara Ward was born and raised in South Bloomfield, Ohio, the daughter of Catherine A. Schlarp and Virgil Floyd Ward. Neal Frazier was born in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio and was the son of Mary Elizabeth Huber and John Leroy Frazier. Robert Mabe was born on May 26, 1948 in London, Ohio and was the son of Martha Jane Moody and Robert Hume Mabe, long-time residents and merchants of Madison County, Ohio.

Ashville Apothecary, July 4, 1999.

Melissa Frazier's ancestors on all sides are old Pickaway County residents. James Frazier emigrated to Pickaway Co. in 1796 and settled on 330 acres on Morris-Salem Road in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. William Ward was born in Hampshire, England and served in Co. 8, Second Virginia Regiment, March 1777-1778, was at Brandywine, Germantown and spent the winter at Valley Forge. He bought a farm in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, east half of section 17, range 21, twp. 9

near Ashville. John McKinley was born 1797 in Hardy County, VA and moved to Darbyville, Ohio area in 1813-1819. He was a drummer in the War of 1812. Jacob Thorn was born May 19, 1788 moved to Muhlenberg Twp., Pickaway County, Ohio in 1834.

Robert and Melissa Mabe were wed in Ashville on January 7, 1984 at the Zion Methodist Church. They have been blessed raising a wonderful family of four boys: Robert Charles (11/7/77 from Bob's first marriage), Stephen Frazier (9/7/85), Nathaniel Wesley (6/10/89), and Daniel Ross (10/23/92). Melissa graduated from Circleville High School and received an associate degree in accounting from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. She currently manages the card and gift business at their two drugstores. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Pickaway County Historical Society, Ohio First Families, and Ohio Genealogical Society. Robert (Bob) graduated from London High School and earned his degree in pharmacy from Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, in 1971. In 1979 he opened his first pharmacy – The Ashville Apothecary – at 4 E. Main Street in Ashville (corner of Main and Long Street) and is proud of the fact that he has been in business as an independent pharmacist for 25 years. He is a member of the Ashville Heritage Society, Ohio Pharmacist Association, and the National Community Pharmacists Association. In 1992 Bob and Melissa opened the Apothecary Crossing card and gift shop at 3 Long Street, Ashville and in March 2004 they opened the Circleville Apothecary pharmacy at 1200 North Court Street in Circleville. Bob and Melissa were instrumental in the community effort that established the Younkin Library in 1999.

-Submitted by Melissa Mabe

FREY-KREISEL

In the year 1883, Charles Frey moved his wife and 5 daughters from Bourneville in Ross County, to a large farm in Southern Pickaway County. Mr. Frey worked the rental farm and in the early part of the 19th Century purchased it from Ohio State University. One story always told by the family was about the family dog. It seems when the family moved from Bourneville, the small dog somehow found it's way back to the old home place in Ross County, a journey of over 30 miles.

Lida Frey, Carrie Frey Umsted, Martha Frey, Mary Frey Kreisel, & Bess Frey

Mary Frey Kreisel

By the time 1912 arrived, Mr. Frey was ready to retire and move to Circleville and turn the farm operations over to Edward Kreisel. Mr. Frey moved his wife and then three single daughters to a large home in the southern part of the city on Court Street.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Frey lived the rest of their lives at this home until 1918. Mr. Edward Kreisel married Mary Frey in 1912 and had two children, Charles and Mary Jane. Mr. Kreisel continued to live on the large farm in southern Pickaway County until the time of his death in 1969 at age 93. The other Frey sister, Carrie, married Edward Umsted and resided most of her life in Ross County.

The remaining three daughters of Charles and Elizabeth Frey never married . . . Lida and Bess Frey lived in the home at South Court Street until the time of their deaths in the early 1960's. Martha Frey lived in New York City where she taught at Columbia University.

Charles Kreisel continued working the farm and eventually married Flora Knecht of Fairfield County. They have two children, Mary and Ed who both remain in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Ed Kreisel

MEREDITH L. GAFFORD FAMILY

Meredith Lynn Gafford was born November 15, 1957 in Ogallala, Nebraska, son of Paul Wesley Gafford and Gloria June Conard Gafford; his wife, Donna Jean Walls Gafford, born May 15, 1960 in Anderson, Indiana, the daughter of Donald Edward Walls and Imogene Alexander Walls; and daughters – Michelle, born October 9, 1983 in Anderson, Indiana and Sara Lynn, born September 3, 1989 in Indianapolis, Indiana – came to Pickaway County in August, 2000. They purchased a home on S. Bloomfield Royalton Road near Ashville, Ohio. Meredith, an engineer for American Electric Power, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was transferred to the Gahanna, Ohio office to work in transmission/planning.

Meredith graduated with honors from both Anderson High School, Anderson, Indiana, in June of 1976; and from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana, with a mechanical engineering degree in June of 1980. He then accepted a job offer from Indiana Michigan Power Company, Muncie, Indiana. Having grown up in Colorado, he frequently returned to see family (and the scenery); he has an avid interest in hiking and backpacking, a love he has passed on to his daughters. He also enjoys model trains. He is now leading a Bible study in conjunction with Christ Way Community Church in Carroll, Ohio which they helped start in 2002.

Donna Jean graduated from Frankton High School, Frankton, Indiana in May of 1978; and Anderson University in June of 1982 with an elementary teaching degree. They were married November 22, 1980, in the Westside Holiness Tabernacle, Anderson, Indiana, and resided in Frankton, Indiana from 1980-1993. Donna Jean, a stay at home mom, taught piano lessons from 1975 to 1993 and enjoys teaching scrapbooking and rubber stamping classes.

Michelle was best known throughout high school for her musical abilities. A member of Minstrel Magic Show Choir (Carroll High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana) during her freshman and sophomore years, Michelle was in Teays Valley High School's Prominent Rendition as a junior and senior in Ashville, Ohio. She traveled with the American Christian Youth Chorale in 2001 and won Grand Champion Soloist at the Huntington Invitational in 2002. She attended Indiana Wesleyan University where she's worked as an RA, an ARD and the desk manager over the three senior lodges. During two summers she has traveled with drama teams from Indiana Wesleyan University to various youth camps. After graduation, she plans to pursue her masters degree in student development.

Sara Lynn was home-schooled throughout high school, completing the correspondence course with Abeka Christian Academy in 2005. The youth group at Christ Way Community Church in Carroll, Ohio, in which she serves as a student leader, is very dear to her heart. She devours books, especially interested in Tolkien and other fantasy writers. Making edible creations is also one of her hobbies; her Grandma Gafford had passed on her own cake decorating traditions. She is attending Indiana Wesleyan University planning, for the time being, to double major in history and religion and philosophy. She dreams of living in the Rocky Mountains some day.

Royal is the adorable Yorkshire Terrier belonging to the Gaffords.

-Submitted by Donna Jean Gafford

NATHAN COLE GANTZ FAMILY

Adam Gantz was one of the first Gantz family members to make the trip from the fatherland of Germany. His name appears on a list of passengers on the ship, *Edinburg*, which sailed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in September of 1749. Other Gantz family members followed, and some settled in western Pennsylvania and some in Virginia. George Gantz was an early settler in Virginia, where he bought 310 acres from Lord Fairfax, in 1790. There, George and his wife, Mary, raised six children. One of his sons, Andrew, who was born in 1766, in Frederick County, Virginia, moved his family to Washington, Pennsylvania. There, he and his wife, Margreth Horn, raised nine children. In 1817, Andrew purchased land in southwest Franklin County, Ohio. In 1837, his sons, Adam and John, bought the land from him. Andrew died in 1845. From 1830 to 1849, five of Andrew's children came to Franklin County, Ohio. Adam then bought his brother's share, to gain control of 200 acres of land. Part of that land today makes up Gantz Park and Gantz Gardens in Grove City, Ohio. The brick farmhouse that was built on that property in 1832 still remains and is used as an office, for meetings and for tours.

Adam Gantz, who was born in 1805, married Catherine Pennix in 1830. They started a family in 1831 and had fourteen children, prior to 1857. It is interesting to note that documents from that period speak of how everything was done by hand or with the help of horses. Adam raised a lot of livestock, as well as grain. It is noted that they raised hogs, and Franklin County, Ohio, led the state in hog production in 1850. There was an outbreak of typhoid at the farm, and several family members died as a result. Adam died in 1877, leaving eleven living descendants.

Nathan Cole Gantz (1843-1928)

One descendent, Nathan Cole Gantz, was born in 1843. After leaving home and marrying Sarah Jane Chenoweth in 1866, he purchased property in southwest Franklin County, Ohio. That property is now the intersection of Alkire and Big Run Road. In 1886, Nathan Cole bought a farm in Darby Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and moved his family there. One of the reasons for the move was that there was an outbreak of diphtheria, which claimed the lives of two of the eight children. This farm was over 200 acres and was located along Big Darby Creek, in northwest Pickaway County, Ohio. Today, the area residents know the bridge that crosses Big Darby Creek as Gantz Bridge. Nathan Cole Gantz had a farm operation, including livestock and grain, known as *Cedarcliff Stock Farm.* Nathan Cole and Sarah lived on the farm until 1918, when they retired to live in Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

In 1918, Nathan Cole's son, Lewis Gantz, Sr., bought the farm and continued to operate it with his brother Ira. Lewis Sr. was born in 1876 and Ira in 1874. Ira never married. Lewis Sr. had a large dairy operation at the farm and had one of the first milking machines in the area. It was powered by a gasoline hit and miss engine. He milked approximately forty head of cattle, which was a lot for the time. The brothers also raised a fair amount of hogs for market.

Lewis Sr. and Ada had four children. They were: Ruth, Bertha Jane, Lewis Jr., and Esther. Ruth married Bruce C. Ridgway and lived her entire life in Darby Township, in Pickaway County, Ohio, near the original farm. Bertha Jane married Miles Henselman and moved to California. Esther married Samuel Kiehl Jr. and lived nearby in southwest Franklin County, Ohio. Lewis Jr. married Doris L. Sollars on April 5, 1941. When Lewis Jr. returned from WWII, he took over the farm from his dad. Lewis Sr. died in 1950, and Ira stayed on the farm with Lewis Jr.'s family until his death in 1962. Most of the farm was sold in the mid-sixties. A small corner of the woods was kept as a building site. This is where Lewis Jr. lives today. Lewis Jr. and Doris had four children. Pamela married Charles L. Brown and lives in Grove City, Ohio. They have three children, Scott, Shelia, and Shawn. Becky married David Hall and moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee. They have two children, John and Rachel. Lewis Jr. and Doris' two sons, Lew III and James Cole, both live in Darby Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, not far from their father. Lew III married Diane L. Thayer and they have one daughter named Lorie. James Cole married Jaki Winbigler and they have three children, Cole, Nathan, and Suzy. Doris passed away in June of 2004.

-Sumbitted by Diane & Lew Gantz III

GEORGE GEARHART 1805-1891

George Gearhart, son of John Sr. and Margaret Gearhart, was born Feb. 17, 1805 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. He was the uncle of Henry Gearhart of Wayne Township.

George was the youngest of nine children. In 1825 George, moved by the excitement of Western emigration, set out on foot for the new land. Fifteen days later, he arrived "travel stained and weary" in the village of Circleville. He obtained work in his field of saddlery with James Bell.

In a year or so he returned to PA to clear his business interests and in 1835 returned to Circleville with a wife, Mary Albright, whom he had married on Dec. 13, 1831. They brought two children with them. George and Mary had ten children, of whom John A., Jerome, Franklin C., William S., Mrs. E.E. Bock, Mrs. W.A. Bowsher, Mrs. David Bock, Mrs. A.K. Reed and Mrs. W.H. Snively reached adulthood.

George Gearhart was Township Trustee for 25 years, first elected in 1847. He was Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Michael H. Alkire, who died in office.

He was a member of the Board of Education from 1849-1854 and from 1864-1867. He had an active part in the building of the Everts School, Circleville. He was employed as weigh-master for thirty years at the Ruggles Packing House, Circleville, during the packing season and was noted for his correctness.

John A. Gearhart born May 12, 1840, Circleville, enlisted Nov. 10, 1861 in Co. E, 43 Regt. OVI. He was killed Feb. 8, 1865 near Rivers Bridge, South Carolina on the south bank of the Salleahatchie River. He was returning from Savannah, Georgia with Gen. Sherman on their way to Virginia to attack Gen. Robert E. Lee. He has a memorial stone in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. Mary Albright Gearhart died Sept. 23, 1860 and George died May 29, 1891. They are buried in Section 19, Forest Cemetery.

-Submitted by Karl Gearhart

GEORGE C. GERHARDT

George C. Gerhardt farmed Pleasantview Farm and was involved in a number of projects in Pickaway County. In 1911 he bought an additional tract of land (180 acres) from the daughter of H.B. Swearingen which included his original house. George's daughter Hazel Katherine (b. November 4, 1892) graduated from Circleville High School, and The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio and graduated with a degree in Home Economics. She returned to Circleville, Ohio to teach in the Pickaway County School system. Here she met Oliver Perry Clutts (her principal) and they were married in 1918 after which they received their Masters degree from Columbia University. Hazel's younger sister, Marguerite died in 1924.

Mr. Clutts went to Bowling Green State University where he taught education. A daughter, Betty Carol Clutts, was born February 24, 1921 and a son, George Roberts Clutts was born May 12, 1924. The family moved to Greensboro, North Carolina in September 1924 where he accepted a teaching position at the North Carolina College for Women (now University of North Carolina-Greensboro) where he taught education for 30 years.

George Gerhardt continued to farm until 1929. He was awarded the Master Farmer of Ohio award in that year. He partially retired then but continued to live on the farm overseeing work of Mr. George Shook. While dressing to go to the fields on October 12, 1935 he suffered a fatal heart attack. His widow, Carrie Kramer, moved to 167 Watt Street in Circleville where she lived for 15 years.

In 1950 Hazel Gerhardt Clutts inherited the farm and she and her husband divided their time between Greensboro, North Carolina and Circleville. They invested in Hereford cattle and continued to raise hogs and grow row crops. O.P. Clutts died in 1959 and Hazel continued to operate the farm (with the help of Raymond Lindsey and other farmers) until her death in 1974 when the ownership passed to George Robert Clutts.

Betty Carol Clutts graduated from the Womans College of the University of North Carolina and entered the teaching profession of her parents. During World War II she volunteered and became one of the first officers of the "WAVES". Afterwards she entered the University of North Carolina and was awarded a Masters Degree in History and Political Science. She taught for five years at St. Mary's Junior College before entering The Ohio State University as a Fulbright Scholar and in 1962 was awarded a Ph.D. After teaching one year at the University of Indiana, Bloomington, she returned to teach History and Political Science at University of North Carolina-Greensboro until her untimely death in 1970.

George Robert (Bob) attended the undergraduate and medical schools at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated from Northwestern Medical School and interned at Cook County Hospital. He was in the Navy during World War II. After one year of general practice, he entered a surgical training program in Virginia and upon completion he enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean War. He married Mary Sue Hutcheson of Clifton Forge, Virginia

on December 26, 1952. After his discharge in 1954 he practiced surgery in Greensboro, North Carolina for 35 years.

In 1954 a daughter, Katherine Ruth was born and in 1956 a son George Robert, Jr. and in 1960 Alfred Perry was born. Upon inheriting the farm in 1974, few changes were made until 1988 when Asa Chester became the partner in farming. All livestock was discontinued and attention was given to food grade crops and toward organic production and composting endeavors. Upon Asa's retirement, Perry Clutts took charge of the farm utilizing rotational grazing and production of organic hay and grain. Bob and Sue Clutts follow his progress closely but continue to live in Greensboro. Their other son is a computer analyst with Wachovia Bank in Winston Salem, North Carolina and their daughter is a musician and CPA. They have a granddaughter and two grandsons.

All are happy that the farm continues in the family after over 100 years.

-Submitted by George Clutts

HENRY GEARHART FAMILY

Henry Gearhart was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, near Greencastle, 18 February 1818, the son of John and Mary (Polly) Gearhart. John and Mary are supposed to have come near Lancaster, OH, where John died in the early 1830's. Mary and some of her family were living in Pickaway County in the 1840 census. Henry was the third child and third son. There were

Francis Charlotte Briggs. b. 29 November 1832 Ross Co. d. 21 July 1922, Pickaway Co., m. 3 May 1855 Henry Gearhart.

Henry Gearhart. b. 18 Feb. 1818, Franklin Co., PA. d. 24 Dec. 1887, Wayne Twp. Pickaway Co, Ohio. Buried Forest Cem. m. 1st Harriet Dungan. 21 Feb. 1850. no children. m. 2nd Francis Charlotte Briggs 3 May 1855. Son of John & Mary Gearhart.

seven sons and one daughter. Henry married Francis Charlotte Briggs, 3 May 1855 in Ross County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary West Briggs. They had seven children, four of whom reached adulthood: Frances J. Titus Gearhart 1856-1923; Charles Briggs Gearhart 1858-1932; Mary West Gearhart 1861-1933, who married Owen McDill, and had seven children; and William T. Sherman Gearhart 1865-1941.

Henry built the red brick house at the end of Westfall Road at Hickory Bend Road in Wayne Township. He was a farmer and livestock dealer.

Frank lived in Circleville; among other jobs served as a rural mailcarrier.

Charles B. was born 25 June 1858 in Wayne Township and married Ella Alice Zurmehly, 1856-1940, the daughter of Robert and Harriett Lutz Zurmehly. Charles B. and his brother-in-law Ed McCoy ran a hardware and farm machinery business in Circleville before 1895. William T. Sherman Gearhart was born 6 August 1865, and married 26 December, 1888 Lizzie Belle Terwilliger. Billie died 1 March and Aunt Belle 9 May 1950. They had one son who died as a child.

Charles B. and Ella Alice had four sons: Shirley Zurmehly Gearhart, 1884-1971, Turney L. Gearhart 1886-1889, Carl Briggs Gearhart born 2 March 1889 in Circleville and died 7 January 1982, a resident of Williamsport. He married Christina Hamman (1886-1949) and Mary McGhee Metzger (1901-1981).

Paul Henry Gearhart born 4 January 1892 in Ross County, Ohio married Wanna Mae Hissey born 24 March 1899 in Pickaway County, the daughter of John Wesley and Elta Mae Frazier Hissey. Wanna died 14 January 1969 and Paul H. died 28 May 1982. Paul was a farmer and lived on land purchased by his great grandfather Samuel Lutz on 15 October 1839. Paul H. and Wanna were the parents of three sons: Lt. Col. Fred Zurmehly Gearhart 1922-1999, Paul Wendell Gearhart 1926-1998 and Myron Frazier Gearhart born 9 August 1923.

Myron F. and Sue Dresbach Gearhart were married 29 November 1958 in Hedges Chapel Church, Ashville, OH. Sue was the daughter of Judd Harvey Dresbach and Avis Grace Bee. They are the parents of Byron Paul Gearhart.

Myron and Sue live on the land purchased by Samuel Lutz.

-Submitted by Myron F. Gearhart

KENNETH & ANNA GILLAM

Kenneth and Anna R. Patrick-Gillam came to Pickaway County in July of 1993, after buying a home in Harrison Township on U.S. Route 23. Kenneth had just recently retired from the United States Army, and was beginning a new non-military life. Kenneth was born on July 9, 1954, to Clarence and Edith Marie Collins-Gillam, in Columbus, Ohio, he was the fifth of six children. Anna was born on November 5, 1953 to Lawrence and Geneva Miller-Patrick in Louisa, Kentucky, she was the sixth of ten children.

The Gillam Family, (L-R) Kimberly, Anna, & Amy. Kenneth Gillam in front.

Kenneth and Anna have been together since July 1967, when he and his family moved next door to Anna and her family, they have been inseparable. Kenneth and Anna were married on March 27, 1971, at his grandmothers' house (Nannie Hall) in Paintsville, Johnson County, Kentucky. The Rev. John J. Ratliff of the Freewill Baptist Church officiated the ceremony with Nannie Hall and Edith Marie Gillam witnessing the

The Gillam Grandchildren: L-R: Joshua G. Phillips, Brandon Lee Kenneth Blevins, Britanni Elaine Blevins and Dain Austin Phillips in front.

ceremony. Kenneth and Anna are the parents of two daughters: Kimberly Ann, was born July 26, 1971 at Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus. She currently lives in Columbus, with her husband Larry D. Phillips and two sons Joshua Gordon and Dain Austin Phillips. Their second daughter Amy Elaine was born on November 16, 1974 in the U.S. Army Hospital, Calambrone, Pisa, Italy. She currently lives in Ashville, Ohio with her two children Brittani Elaine and Brandon Lee Kenneth Blevins.

Kenneth works for the Capital Resin Corporation in Columbus and Anna works for Distribution Fulfillment Services in Groveport, Ohio.

-Submitted by Kenneth Gillam

GILLILAND-FRERICKS FAMILIES

Thomas Gilliland and Edith Frericks were brother and sister.

Tom Gilliland and his wife, Iva moved to Circleville in 1912. Tom founded the Circleville Lumber Company on Edison Avenue.

Ed Frericks and his wife, Patricia came to Circleville in 1950 to work at the lumber company. Mr. Gilliland retired in 1962. Mr. Frericks managed and owned the company and developed the Northwood Park Subdivision in Circleville.

Mr. Frericks sold the lumber company to the Lowe's Corporation in 1969 and then worked for the Peter Kuntz Company of Dayton, Ohio in wholesale lumber sales.

There were 10 Frericks children: Kathryn Anne, Mark Edward, Thomas Joseph, Mary Ellen, Anne Marie, Susan Patrice, John, David, James and Matthew.

Ed and Pat moved to Naples, Florida in 1977 and in 1998 moved to a retirement center known as Bentley Village by Hyatt, in Naples. As of 2004 they are still living in this same community.

-Submitted by Edward Frericks

GLICK FAMILY

Jacob and Solome Glick were born in Pennsylvania. They had seven children: Daniel, Peter, Jacob W., Emanuel, Amos, Passadaugh and Royal Harriet.

Peter Glick was born in 1831 in Fairfield County, Ohio. Peter married Mary May on January 23, 1853 in Fairfield County. Mary was born August 25, 1831 in Meigs County, Ohio. Peter was a farmer and lived in Madison Township, Pickaway County. Their children were: Luther, Alfred, Benjamin, Peter Jr., Jacob, Henry, Charlie, Sadie and Alma. Peter died in 1910 and Mary died in 1915.

Jacob Glick was born August 16, 1861 in Fairfield County. He married Zelma Ethington on September 13, 1888 in Circleville, Ohio. Zelma was born August 8, 1866 in Scioto Township, Pickaway County, the daughter of George and Charlotte Wells Ethington of England. Jacob was a farmer in Madison and Walnut Townships. They had two children: Marion and Anna Glick Leonard. Jacob died January 5, 1943, and Zelma died February 3, 1946.

Glick Family: L-r: Reta (mother), Robert Eugene, Margaret Florence, Billy Lee, Marion (father).

Marion Francis Glick was born July 8, 1890 in Ashville, Ohio. He married Reta Maywood McDonald on September 16, 1920 in Pickaway County. Reta was born January 4, 1897 in Fairfield County, the daughter of Leroy and Maggie Magee McDonald. Marion was a school bus driver, a wallpaper hanger and painter. Reta was a housewife. They had three children: Margaret, Billy and Robert. Reta died May 22, 1958, and Marion died February 15, 1980.

Margaret Florence Glick was born October 24, 1921 in Ashville, Ohio. She married Robert Bartholomew on December 29, 1937. Robert was born March 17, 1919, the son of Lyman and Leota Bartholomew of Ringgold, Ohio. They had four children: Robert, Ronald, Peggy Jo Bartholomew Wilcox Gamble and Patricia Bartholomew Lee. Margaret remarried on August 19, 1960 to Stillman Morrison of Circleville. Margaret has 14 grandchildren: Scott, Tracy, Doug, Michael, Ronda and Heather Bartholomew, Debbie Wilcox Crouch, Jim Wilcox, Joann Gamble Shaner, Tim Gamble, Donnie, David and Shawn Lee, Jada Lee Williford and 35 great grandchildren. Margaret has lived in Pickaway County her entire life and her children live in Pickaway County.

Billy Lee Glick was born July 13, 1927 in Ashville. He is a World War II Veteran having served in the Navy. Billy's children are Lucille, twins Reta and Neta, and Billy Ray. He has four grandchildren: Charles, Ryan, Joann and Michelle, and one great grandchild. Billy lives in Pickaway County.

Robert Eugene Glick was born June 5, 1931 in Ashville. He married Rose Mary Stewart on November 26, 1955. Rose Mary was born October 1, 1930 in Madison Township, the daughter of Glenn and Rose May Jones Stewart of Madison Township. Robert was the postmaster of Ashville from 1957 to 1988. They had three children: Kim Glick Forson Knore, Roberta (Robin) Leigh Glick Emerine Hossfeld and Darryl, and eight grandchildren: Kyle and Kari Forson, Brittany Emerine, Grant, Caden and Jeremy Hossfeld, and Natalie and Nathan Glick. Robert lived his entire life in Pickaway County and his children live in Pickaway County. Robert died on February 28, 1999.

-Submitted by Robin Hossfeld

GLOYD FAMILY

A few claims have been made in regards to the history of the Gloyd family. One such claim is that all American Gloyds are related. As the story goes, two brothers came to America from England. One went to Massachusetts and then to Vermont. The other brother settled in Maryland. There appears to be some logic to that theory.

Richard Gloyd married Elizabeth Evans and they lived in Blechingly County, Surrey, England. In 1653 their son John was born in Hailsham, England. In 1647 John married Mary Feldon. John came to America with the English Army to fight in the King Philips War. John and Mary lived in Massachusetts, had a son James and appear to be one of the first Gloyds to settle in America.

The Gloyd Family, c.1950, Ashville, Ohio. L-R: Bo Williams, Adam Gloyd, Ruth Agnes O'Day, Marion Gloyd, Violet Gloyd, William Reed Gloyd, Harry Gloyd.

James Gloyd married Hannah Putney in Salem, Massachusetts on October 5, 1722. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Abington, Massachusetts where all nine of their children were born. James died during active military service during the French and Indian War. Hannah remarried on February 22, 1753 to Joseph Lincoln of Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Peter Gloyd is listed in the 1810 census as residing in Chittenden County, Jericho, Vermont with his wife and children. Peter is believed to be the grandson of James and Hannah Gloyd. In the 1830 census records they are listed as residing in Harrison Township, Pickaway County. They had four children: Cornelia born in 1802; William born in 1805; Miran born in 1810 and Lucinda, born in 1813.

Miran Gloyd married Elizabeth Howell in Pickaway County, Ohio on December 20, 1827. They had one daughter, Corilla born in 1832. On April 20, 1837 Miran was remarried to Mary Maganity. Together they had six more children: James born in 1838, Eliza born in 1840, Solomon born in 1841, Sarah born in 1845, Mary born in 1847 and William born in 1849. Miran was a farmer. Mary could neither read nor write.

William Gloyd married Mary E. Reed on June 24, 1876. Mary was born July 10, 1842, the daughter of William and Eveline Crissup (Creaspe) Reed. William and Mary had 7 children: Marion, Ota, Osalum, William Reed, Irma, Harry and an unnamed child who died at birth. William and Mary were divorced in 1923. He died in 1924 and she died in 1932. They are buried together in Harrison Township Cemetery.

William Reed Gloyd was born July 29, 1890 in Scioto Township. He married Eva Baldwin and they had 7 children: Orville, Chester, Ruth, Violet, William Reed Jr., Ralph and Myra Bell. Reed and Eva divorced and on May 24, 1942 Reed married Alice Frances Rathburn in Greenup, Kentucky. Alice was born February 15, 1912 in Amanda, the daughter of Homer and Nancy Anna Tipton Rathburn. Alice had a daughter, Ruth Agnes, by a previous marriage. Ruth was born on August 18, 1930 in Pickaway County. Alice and Reed had one child together, Retha Jane who was born on August 18, 1952. So, Alice had two children, Ruth and Jane. Jane was born on Ruth's 22nd birthday. Alice was 40 when Jane was born and Reed was 62!

Reed was retired from the Pickaway Power Plant and died February 26, 1974. Alice was retired from the Hercules Box Factory and died September 16, 1981. They are buried together at Harrison Township Cemetery.

Jane Gloyd married Thomas J. Lynch II on September 16, 1972 at the Zion United Methodist Church in Ashville. They have a daughter Kari Ellen Lynch born on April 19, 1973, a son Thomas J. Lynch III born December 6, 1977 and a second son Scott Alan Lynch born March 29, 1979. All three children were born at Berger Hospital. Scott married Sarah A. Hart in Pickaway County on October 2, 2004. Jane is retired from GE Circleville Lamp Plant and Tom is retired from the Village of Ashville, Service Department. They reside near Ashville.

-Submitted by Retha Jane Gloyd Lynch

ANDREW W. "BILL" GOELLER FAMILY

Bill was born in Circleville on June 7, 1911 the son of Sarah Moore Goeller and William A. Goeller. He had five brothers, namely Bernard, Joseph, Charles, Donald and Robert and one sister, Mrs. Forrest (Mary) Short.

Bill was an employee of the Pickaway County Engineers Department serving under Engineer Henry McCrady. Bill was a veteran of WWII serving in the Air Force Supply Squadron in England from July 6, 1942 to November 1, 1945.

He married Ruth Carothers (born in 1913)

Andrew "Bill" Goeller Family.
L-R: Ruth, James, Bill, and Thomas.

on December 7, 1940. Ruth's parents were Maurice and Ella Ross Carothers. Ruth worked as a stenographer and bookkeeper for Weaver's Wholesale for 16 years.

They had two sons. James was born April 11, 1952 and died as the result of an auto-bicycle accident on August 5, 1964. Thomas was born June 7, 1949. Tom graduated from Circleville High School and then attended Bowling Green State University where he received his BS in Education. He earned his Masters in Education at St. Francis College in Fort Wayne, IN. Tom taught biology and earth science at Tinora High School in Defiance, OH for five years and then moved to Marietta, OH where he was a school counselor until his retirement in 2001. He continues to work part time in education.

Tom married Patricia Cuzynski of Toledo, OH. She received her BS in Education from The Ohio State University and MS in Educational Administration from Xavier University. Patricia served as Assistant High School Principal at Marietta High School until her retirement in 2001. She continues to work part time in education.

Tom a twin sons: James Goeller of Marietta and Andrew Goeller of Lancaster, OH. Both graduated from Walsh University in 2001. Jim received his BS in Finance and Management. Andrew received his BS in Finance.

"Bill" retired from the Pickaway County Engineers Department on December 31, 1976 and died December 16, 1988 following a lengthy illness. Wife, Ruth, still resides in their home on Atwater Avenue in Circleville.

-Submitted by Ruth Goeller

CHARLES T. GOELLER FAMILY

Charles Thomas Goeller was born in Circleville on March 1, 1909, the fourth child born to William A. Goeller and Sarah Moore Goeller.

At around the age of five, his father moved the family to a farm located between Circleville and Williamsport and Charlie's grade school days were spent at the Williamsport Schools.

The William Goeller family then moved back to Circleville and Charlie attended Circleville High School, graduating in 1928. He was an outstanding athlete in both track and football. He then attended the University of Michigan.

In the 1930's he established Charles T. Goeller Insurance Agency. In 1934 he met Catherine A. Brennan, introduced to him by his sister Mary Short. Both Mary and Catherine were employed by Berger Hospital and were good friends. Charles and Catherine married on October 17, 1939 in Columbus, Ohio, at St. Joseph Cathedral and resided in their new home on Bell Station Road north of Circleville. A year later they moved to town and lived at 315 E. Franklin St. where they remained until 1958 when the family moved to Columbus, Ohio. Eventually Charlie and Catherine moved to Long Beach, California where he died in April of 1987.

Charles & Katherine Goeller.

There were three daughters born to Charlie and Catherine: Mary Frances (Francie) 1941, Catherine Ann (Kay), born in 1942, and Sarah Margaret born in 1953.

Charlie was a friend to everyone and known for his wonderful, easy going personality, surely a Goeller trait.

-Submitted by M. Fran Goeller Peterson

DONALD PATRICK GOELLER FAMILY

Donald was born in 1912 in Circleville to parents Sarah Moore Goeller and William A. Goeller. A few years later, the family moved to the country and Donald started first grade at the Williamsport School. Later, his family moved back to town and resided on S. Court Street, Circleville.

In 1955, Donald (also known as Toady) married Betty Ann Binkley at St. Joseph's Church, Circleville. Msg. George Mason officiated at their wedding.

The couple resided on E. Franklin Street and during this time Donald and Elizabeth (Libby) were born. In 1960, the family purchased and moved into the Victorian Sensenbrenner home at 306 E. Mound Street. Their son, Donald Christopher born 1955, graduated from Circleville High School and then The Ohio State University. He served 17 years in the Army reaching the rank of Major. Don married Cindy Mathews in 1974 and they currently reside in Missouri. Their children are Patrick, Russel and Gregory.

The Donald Goeller Family: Top row: Donald, Greg, Cindy, Sandy, Megan. Bottom row: Donald, Russell, Betty holding Sarah, Patrick, and Elizabeth.

Daughter Elizabeth (Libby) was born in 1957, graduated from Circleville HS, then Otterbein College and earned her Master's degree from Bowling Green State University.

Libby married Alexander Johnston at St. Joseph Church. Fr. Frank Meagher officiated. They have resided in Canada all their married life and currently live in London, Ontario. Their children are Megan and Sarah.

Before her marriage, Betty was a legal secretary and worked many years for Judge William Radcliff and attorney Charles H. May.

Donald owned and operated Goeller's Paint Store on E. Main St. (currently Pittsburgh Paint Co.). He opened the store in 1946 following his tour of duty in France in WWII. He was well known for his outgoing personality and knowledge of the paint business.

Donald died in 1991. His wife Betty survives and continues to live in the Mound St. home.

-Submitted by Betty Goeller

JOSEPH E. GOELLER, DDS FAMILY

Joseph E. Goeller was born May 6, 1904 to parents Sarah (Moore) Goeller (1876-1967) and William Albert Goeller (1876-1928). His siblings were Bernard (1902-1943), Mary (Short) (1906-2001), Charles Thomas (1909-1987), Andrew William "Bill" (1911-1988), Donald C. "Toady" (1912-1991) and Robert (1924-1989).

The Goeller family lived in Circleville on E. Mound Street where the children were born, and then moved to a farm near Williamsport. Joe attended St. Joseph's elementary school and then Williamsport High School, from which he graduated. He worked his way through college as a short-order cook, and by waiting tables at a North High Street, Columbus restaurant across from campus. During the summer months he worked in the stone quarry. Joe graduated from The Ohio State University with a DDS, and opened his dental practice on E. Main Street in Circleville.

Joe met his future wife, Mable Heise, when she accompanied her sister Lucile to his office. Joe and Mable were married in 1936 at St. Joseph's rectory by Msgr. James Kirwin (Joe's cousin from Texas).

Joe and Mable purchased a brick house on the hill at 434 E. Franklin Street. At that time, the large 3-story Franklin Street School stood directly across the street. The home is still inhabited by daughter Mary Ellen Goeller Tully.

In 1937 Joe and Mable welcomed daughter Judith Anne (Goode), with Mary Ellen (Tully) being born in 1940, and Joseph II in 1943. Dr. Joe volunteered for the draft during WWII, and served three years practicing dentistry at Camp Wheeler in Macon, GA. His patients included the Army base personnel, and the "Aussies" that were captured in Germany and brought to the

U.S. and placed in detention camps. Before being honorably discharged, Joe attained the rank of Captain.

When the war ended, Joe's family moved to Macon, GA where Joe had rented a country home in the middle of a sugar can field. Judy attended Pearl Steven School in Macon. After Camp Wheeler was dismantled, the Goellers moved back to the E. Franklin Street residence and Dr. Joe resumed his practice on E. Main Street.

In 1949 the Goellers moved to Thatcher (outside of Circleville) after extensive remodeling of the old brick "Barr" residence on the corner of SR 56 E & Tarlton Road. The children attended Pickaway Twp. School, where Judy and Mary Ellen graduated. Joe II was a member of the first class to graduate from the newly consolidated Logan Elm High School.

Dr. Joe was loved and respected by the community. He passed away in 1983. Mable eventually moved back to town where she spent her remaining years on Beverly Road, near her children. She passed away at home in 1996.

-Submitted by Judith Goeller Goode

JOSEPH E. GOELLER II FAMILY

Joseph E. Goeller II was born in Circleville, Ohio on October 29, 1943 to Mabel Heise Goeller and Joseph E. Goeller D.D.S. Joe attended St. Joseph's Grade School, Circleville, Pickaway County and graduated in the first graduating class of Logan Elm High School in 1961. He graduated from Franklin University in 1966. At that time he joined the Air National Guard and was sent to Texas for training.

March 1997, Disney World, Orlando FL. L to R: Front: Eric Sturgell, Vinny Bevard. Rear: Marsha Goeller Sturgell, Valerie Goeller Sanzoni, Joe Goeller, Linda Goeller.

In 1965, while bowling in Chillicothe, Ohio, Joe met Linda Brohard. Linda was born in Jackson County, Ohio on August 26, 1946 to Irma Doles Brohard and Norman Brohard. Linda graduated from Wellston High School in 1964. July 22, 1967, Joe and Linda were married at St. Peter and Paul's Church in Chillicothe. The next day the newlyweds moved to Terre Haute, Indiana where Joe's new job happened to be.

February 12, 1968, the couple had a baby girl, Marsha Ann Goeller. She was born in Terre Haute. On September 10, 1971, Joe and Linda had daughter, Valerie Ann Goeller, she was also born in Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1972 the family moved to Circleville, Ohio.

Marsha attended Atwater Elementary and graduated from Circleville High School in 1986. She graduated from Ohio University with a degree in elementary education and teaches second grade. In 1987 she married David Sturgell, son of Lurhita and Herb Sturgell of Circleville. On April 22, 1988 Marsha and David had son Eric Michael Sturgell. The family of three lives in Circleville.

Valerie Goeller attended Atwater Elementary and graduated from Circleville High School in 1989. She attended Columbus State University three years. She married Ed Bevard. The couple had son Vincent Edward Bevard on June 22, 1991. The marriage did not last. In April 2002, Valerie married Scot Sanzoni of Detroit, Michigan. The family of Scot, Valerie and Vincent live in Circleville. Valerie is a City of Circleville Administrative Assistant and Scot owns and manages the Hippy Hut.

-Submitted by Joe Goeller

M.G. GOELLER & SONS BROOM FACTORY

M.G. Goeller (Michael) first began making brooms in a small shed near his Circleville, Ohio home in 1866 when broomcorn was one of this country's biggest moneymaking industries. Thousand of acres of broomcorn were being planted in Pickaway County by local farmers.

Goeller originally employed three men in his shop and manufactured twenty-five dozen brooms a week. After M.G. Goeller's death in 1886, the business was continued by his son, John C. Goeller, who added three more employees and doubled the output of the shop.

In 1891, John purchased the "old woolen mill on Canal Street," installed steam-powered machinery, and hired a total of 22 workmen. The factory's output was 150 dozen brooms a week.

On July 3, 1892 only a year after opening, the old woolen mill burned to the ground. Sixty days after the fire, John had a big force of men making brooms again. The business now occupied Gregg Mill for three years. Then in 1895, John Goeller moved to a building originally occupied by the Circleville Glass Factory where 22 workmen were once again employed. The broom factory next moved to a building on Clinton Street and Half Avenue.

John Goeller bought the building in 1898 and increased the factory's output to 10,000 dozen brooms per week. He employed 50 men with an average payroll of $400 per week.

The same year, John Goeller took in his brothers, Charles and William, and the name of the firm was changed to M.G. Goeller's Sons.

The company bought 100 loads of broomcorn annually and occupied two buildings, one for manufacturing and the other for storage of stock and raw materials. The plant, located on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was equipped with the most modern machinery. The firm had three traveling salesmen and also sold to brokers and jobbers in large cities.

The brands under which brooms were made include Blue Room, Empire, Luxury, Jim Dandy, and others. The 1889 Pickaway Business Directory states: "These brooms embrace all grades of house broom, the principle grade, and the parlor broom which are made of select broomcorn. Special care it taken to secure first-class workmanship."

Shipments were made all over the country, and orders were frequently filled for points in Honduras, Ireland, and Canada. The broom factory became one of the city's biggest enterprises and did a business of $200,000 annually.

Then in 1927, the factory once again burned to the ground. John Goeller rebuilt his broom factory on the same location, and the business was later run by Lawrence Goeller, Sr.

In the early 1930's, the company switched from manufacturing brooms to producing "Kippy Kits," advertising promotional items such as brushes, shoe horns, whisk brooms, and combs. Lawrence Sr.'s. son, Larry Goeller, occupied the front of the factory for several years. He then moved to a cement block building located in an alley just off Pickaway and Pleasant Streets. The company went out of business approximately ten years later after Larry Goeller's death.

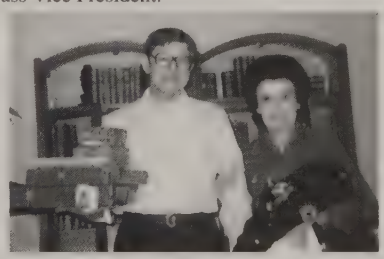
-Submitted by Linda Goeller

ROBERT "DUTCH" GOELLER & FAMILY

May 9, 1924 – August 29, 1987

Robert Joseph Goeller, also known as "Dutch" by many friends and co-workers, was born May 9,1924 to parents William A. Goeller (1876-1928) and Sarah Moore Goeller (1876-1967) in Circleville, Ohio. His siblings were Bernard (1902-1943), Dr. Joseph E. Goeller (1904-1983), Mary Goeller Short (1906-2001), Charles Thomas "Charlie" (1909-1987), Andrew William "Bill" (1911-1988), and Donald C. "Toady" (1912-1991).

Bob graduated from Circleville High School in 1942 where he participated in many activities, including: Stooge Club, Stooge Supreme Court, Boy's Glee Club, Mixed Glee Club, Track, Boy's Intramural Basketball, Theater, and Student Government where he was a class officer and Junior Class Vice President.



Robert and Mary Goeller.

After graduation Bob was accepted to Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, but gave up his plans for college because of America's involvement in World War II. He volunteered for military service when he joined the army in January of 1943. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific as an artillery mechanic where he earned a bronze star and medals for good conduct and victory. Bob was honorably discharged in March 1946.

Bob returned to Circleville where he entered the apprentice steamfitter program and became a steamfitter and a member of the Plumber's and Pipe Fitter's Local 162 and Local 97 in Toledo and Springfield, Ohio. Bob retired in 1985.

Bob met his wife Mary A. Koris at the Aragon Ballroom in Cleveland, Ohio in 1968. They were married on November 30, 1970 in Circleville and lived together in Lakewood, Ohio. Bob's family included a stepdaughter (Kathy) and a "step and a half" grandson (Tom). Mary still resides in their home on West Clifton in Lakewood.

-Submitted by Mary A. Goeller

ALONZO GOFF

Alonzo Goff was born in East Corinth, Maine, May 20, 1844. He was a member of Company B, Twenty-First Regiment, Maine Infantry, and served thirty-three months in the Civil War. On the 4th day of February, 1865 he was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant in the 31st Regiment of the Maine Volunteers, Company I. He came to Ohio some time after the end of the Civil War. He was a horse trader by profession.

c. 1865 Alonzo Goff.
Grandfather of Betty Morris McGinnis.

He married Elizabeth Smith of New Holland, Ohio on August 2, 1883. There was one daughter born of this union, Mary Shaw Goff, on February 2, 1885. Alonzo Goff died in 1903 and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Mary Goff married Emmet C. Morris on December 6, 1908. Mary Goff Morris went on to be the first female Recorder elected in Pickaway County. Mary and Emmet Morris had one daughter, Betty Morris. Mary died October 4, 1951 and is buried in Forest Cemetery.

Betty Morris married Francis G. McGinnis on December 17, 1940. Betty Morris McGinnis was active with the Pickaway County Board of Elections for over forty years, having retired as Chairman of the Board in 2004. A son was born to Francis and Betty McGinnis, Michael G. McGinnis, on February 16, 1944.

Michael McGinnis married Patricia A. Moss on July 1, 1967. Michael was a lineman for the American Electric Power Co. Michael and Patricia had two daughters: Michele, born April 19, 1968 and Melissa born March 8, 1972. Michele is at present the Deputy Directory at the Pickaway Board of Elections.

Michele McGinnis married Bernie Lockard on October 11, 1986. Michele and Bernie have one son, Casey Lockard, born November 30, 1992.

-Submitted by Michael McGinnis

DAVID GOLDSCHMIDT FAMILY

David S. Goldschmidt was born on August 19, 1912, in Brooklyn, New York. He was the son of Hyman and Florence (Rosenthal) Goldschmidt. David graduated from the School of Optometry at The Ohio State University in 1937 and married Mary Christine Kader on June 6, 1937. Mary was born on October 10, 1913, in Cologne, Germany. She was the daughter of Johann and Wilhelmina (Schiffer) Kader.

The David Goldschmidt Family. 1959.
L-R: Mary, Flo, Elaine, David, and Jo.

David and Mary came to Circleville in 1938 at which time David opened his practice of optometry. With the exception of his service in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, he practiced in Circleville until retiring, after 53 years, from the practice of Goldschmidt, Liggett and Rocklin in 1993.

David played a very active role in the community. He served many organizations and service clubs. He helped organize the Circleville Parent Teachers Association and was elected its first president, served on Circleville City Council for 8 years, and was a director of the local Savings Bank. He was a 60+ year member of the BPO Elks, serving as exalted ruler of the local Elks lodge and later as state president of the Ohio Elks Association. In 1979 he was named Outstanding Senior Citizen by the Circleville Jaycees.

David taught at The Ohio State University for 29 years before retiring at age 70 at which time he received an assistant professor emeritus appointment. In 1973, he was selected to receive the coveted Ohio State University Citizenship award for community service outside one's profession.

Mary was active in the Community United Methodist Church, the Ohio Optometric Auxiliary, The Circleville High School Band Mothers, and the Eastern Star.

David and Mary had three daughters, Florene Kay and Joanna May were born in Circleville on August 15, 1940. Elaine was born in Patuxent River, Maryland on September 6, 1945.

Flo married John Arthur Dougherty. John was born on June 28, 1940, in Richmondale, Ohio. They are the parents of Charles David, born August 27, 1961; Jeffery Shawn, born March 23, 1964; and Stephen Arthur, born December 5, 1966. Flo was a physical therapist and John had a water softening business. They moved to Minnesota in 1967.

Jo married Robert Prine Liggett on June 10, 1962. Bob was born in Ripley, Ohio on May 31, 1939. They were the parents of: Erinne Kay, born December 5, 1964; Robert Eric, born October 4, 1966; David Wilson, born October 29, 1970; Caroline Marie, born August 27, 1972; and Daniel Joseph, born May 9, 1974. Jo was an elementary teacher and is now a vocational high school librarian. Bob is an optometrist.

Elaine married Franklin J. Mace on December 19, 1965. They were the parents of Lisa Ann, born October 20, 1969, and Michael J., born September 30, 1971. Elaine was a beautician and later a nurse. Frank works for the local telephone company.

Mary died on March 24, 2001, and David died on December 26, 2001. Both died in Circleville and are buried in Forest Cemetery.

-Submitted by R. Eric Liggett

JOHN STEPHEN GOODE FAMILY

John was always "Jack" from an early age. Jack was born in 1935 and reared on the farm on Old Tarlton Pike. The home place is still inhabited and owned by his sister Margaret. Jack was the 10th of 11 siblings. For a few years, a cousin, Mary Catherine Good, lived with the family due to her mother's death. (Most of the cousins did not use an "e" at the end of their last name.)

Jack's father, William J. Goode (1876-1960), was a farmer and a two-term Pickaway County Commissioner. His mother was Ruth Maechtel Goode (1895-1981).

In 1959, Jack married Judith Ann Goeller (1937-) following her graduation from Mt. St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio College with a BS in Nursing. When infants, Jack and Judy were both baptized at St. Joseph's Church in Circleville and were married there as adults. Jack worked for the "new" DuPont plant for 7 years. During this time, he began planting evergreen trees at their home on Tarlton Road and attended Horticulture short-courses at Ohio State University.

In 1964, Jack left DuPont and started J.S. Goode Nursery and Landscaping. The company continues operation today at the Tarlton Road site where son John and his family reside and are partners in the business.

Judy retired from Hospice of Pickaway County in 2003. Hospice is a department of Berger Health Systems. Judy had worked 28 years in the Berger system in various RN positions.

Jack and Judy have five children. They are: Joan Marie who was born in 1960 and graduated from the University of Dayton with a BS in education. Joan married John Tupper from Grove City in 1988. They have two children John "Cole" born 1992 and Claire Marie born 1994. Joan teaches at Glendening School in Groveport. John is a professional photographer. Cole attends Ashville Middle School and Claire attends the newly constructed elementary school in Commercial Point.

Jacqueline Anne Good, born in 1961, attended Ohio University and currently is Operations

Manager at Oakwood Packaging in Washington Court House. Her children are Gretchen (Dave) Corn born in 1978, who resides in Kansas and Daniel J. Thomas born in 1982 who resides in Circleville and recently received his associate degree in Horticulture from Ohio State University.

Juliana Elizabeth born in 1963, married Phillip J. Dickey and both are associated with the "Dickey-Beckley Team Realtors." Their children are: Carrisa Marie born 1981 is a graduate from Ohio University with a BS in Speech and Hearing Pathology; Devonna Rene born 1986 is a student at Ohio University; and Phillip "Kyle" born in 1996 and is a student at Everts Middle School.

1981. The John S. Goode Family. L-R, Back row: Joan Marie, Jacqueline Ann, John Joseph, Juliana Elizabeth. Front row: Jean Margaret, Judy and "Jack".

John Joseph born in 1964 graduated from Ohio State University in Marketing. He married Amy Fray from Steubenville in 1998. She is also an Ohio State graduate. Their children are Layne Suzanne born 1994 and John "Christian" born 1996. The children attend Pickaway Township Elementary School.

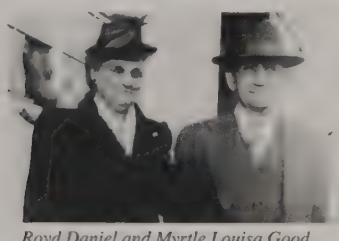
Jean Margaret born 1967 married William Strayer from Milan, Ohio in 2002. They live near Powell, Ohio. Their son John "Nickolas" was born October 20, 2003. A daughter Liliana Grace was born January 25, 2005 at Riverside Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Jack and Judy moved from the country to Circleville in 1992 and currently reside at 163 Montclair Avenue.

-Submitted by Judy Goode

ROYD DANIEL & MYRTIE LOUISA GOOD FAMILY

In 1717, Peter Guth, of German-Swiss descent, arrived in Lancaster, PA and was naturalized the next year. The Good Family (Americanization) then wound up close to Harrisburg, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley. Royd Daniel Good was born in the 7th generation on September 2, 1879. He married Mertie Louisa Hoover, born October 1, 1882. They were married October 3, 1906. She was from Brandywine, West Virginia, on the other side of the mountain.



Royd Daniel and Myrtle Louisa Good

The Royd Daniel Good Family. L-R: Marvin, Mabel, Marion, Medford, Myrtle, Millard & Margaret.

Before moving to Circleville, Royd moved his growing family to Billings, Montana, then to Ohio including the Newark area and Columbus. He finally learned of an opportunity for a blacksmith shop on Franklin Street in Circleville. He and Mertie had seven children: Marvin, Mabel, Marion, Medford, Myrtle, Millard and Margaret. Three of the children, Medford, Millard, who gave his life for his country, and Margaret went to the service in WWII.

Royd trusted his customers to pay him when they could and never in his life turned anyone away that was hungry. He and Mertie were long time members of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was active in the Lutheran Brotherhood. Mertie had her church circle, quilting circle and belonged to both the Gold Star and the Blue Star Mothers, which she proudly represented by riding in parades. The family has grown to 68 members of which 28 still live in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Judy Palm

WILLIAM JAMES GOODE, SR.

William James Goode, Sr. (1896-1960) was a native of Circleville. He was a son of Allen and Mary Ann Herzog Goode. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and attended the St. Joseph School where he met his future wife, Ruth Elizabeth Maechtel (1896-1981), daughter of William and Matilda Kelley Maechtel.

After graduation, William served in the military during WWI. He served as Washington Township Clerk and was Pickaway County Commissioner for two terms. William was a farmer. He and Ruth reared their family of 11 children on the farm. Ruth's father William Maechtel (1851-1934) was a carpenter and lived with them. A niece, Mary Catherine Good, also lived with them for several years after the death of her mother.

Their oldest son, William James (1919-2001) married Catherine Blubaugh (1920-1998) and moved to a farm in McConnellsville to rear their children: Mary Bernadette, William Joseph, Elizabeth Ann, Frances Leo, Allen Matthew, James Michael, Rebecca Marie, Regina Agnes, and Catherine Louise.

Mary Elizabeth (1921-2004) married Stanley Scott (1919-1992). After her retirement from the Columbus Production and Credit Association and "Scotty's" retirement from the Greyhound Bus Co., they moved to Washington Township where they resided until their death.

Margaret Ann (1924-) resides in the family home in Washington Township. She received her Masters Degree in Nursing from OSU and a Doctorate in Counseling and Psychology in 1979. She is currently retired.

Matilda "Jean" (1926-) married Richard Roundhouse (1922-2001) and they resided in Lancaster where they reared their children: Joyce Ann, David Michael, Richard Lee, Douglas Lyle, Diane Kay, Donna Marie, Royce Jay, Lois Elaine, Royce Allen, and Ross Eric.

"Ruth" Teresa (1927-) married Richard Seimer (1929-2001). Their children are: Teresa Ann, Thomas Andrew, Patricia Marie, Omer Franklin, John Mathew, Phillip Mark, Stephen Jeffrey, Christopher Lee and Gregory Michael. Ruth continues to reside in their Washington Township home.

Agnes Cecelia (1928-) is a Sister of Saint Francis of Mary Immacula Order of Joliet, Illinois and now resides in the Dominican Order's Mohan Health Care Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Raymond Allen (1930-) married Mariellen Dolder (1947-) and they reside in Ross County where they reared their children: Paul Joseph and Anna Marie. Raymond is employed as a social worker with the Veterans Administration and Mariellen is a Registered Nurse.

Gerald Thomas "Jerry" (1931-) married Charlotte Rader (1932-1998). Their children are: Douglas Eugene and Paul Gerald. Gerald is retired from the DuPont Company and resides on his farm in Washington Township.

David Edward (1933-) married Paula Freeman Tejeda. They reside in Grove City, Ohio, after rearing their children: Henry F., Jerry, Yolanda, Teresa, and Mikel in Columbus. David is retired from General Motors Company.

John Stephen Goode (1935-) (please refer to his history in this book).

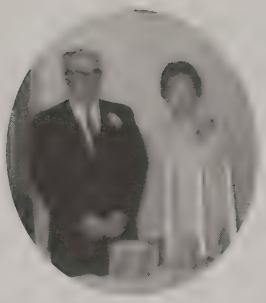
Paul Maechtel (1941-) married Mary Patricia Busch (1945-) and they have resided in Ashtabula where they reared Christopher. They own and manage the Michael Cahill Bed and Breakfast Inn. Paul is retired from the United Parcel Service.

-Submitted by Margaret Goode

WILLIAM J. & CHRISTAL DEAN GREEN

William J. Green was born in Darbydale, Ohio in 1898 to Thomas and Ella Boyd Green. Christal was born in Yellowbud, Ohio in 1898 to John and Rose Dean. William J. met Christal when she moved to Derby, Ohio. They were married in 1918 in Harrisburg, Ohio. W.J. said all they had was $16 in his pocket.

They had five children, 4 boys and 1 girl – Harold, Paul, William, Larry and daughter Nancy. They started farming north of Commercial Point in 1920. While living there they drove a horse and buggy to Duvall to board



the interurban line to Circleville to visit Rose and John Dean, Christal's parents. When they returned to Duvall that night, they found water from the Scioto River had risen and crossed the road, on what is now Rt. 762. Christal wanted to go north to Shadesville, or Rt. 665 today, to get back to Commerical Point so they would not have to drive through the water. W.J. would not do that, he just headed through the water to cross the bridge. Christal was very frightened.

They farmed there until 1926 when they moved to just north of Harrisburg. After farming there for a few years, they moved to just north of Kingston in 1928. William J. and Christal lived there until 1930, when they moved to Orient, on Rt. 762, and lived at that farm the rest of their life.

William J. farmed all his life and was one of the first to have a combine in the area of Scioto Township. In 1939 he got the job at the Ohio State Fair as feed man for the fair, off and on until 1975. He also hauled the manure from the fairgrounds during that time. Christal had a restaurant there for a short period of time. He was a horse breeder and raced thoroughbred horses. William J. also did custom bulldozing and farm pond building. He last ran the bulldozer for 4 hours when he was 87 years old. He helped start Green's Heritage Days, in 1975. He lived to be 93 and the only medication he took was 1 aspirin a day for the last 5 years of his life. Christal was a homemaker and great mother and grandmother. She died in 1974 at the age of 76. They are buried in the Darbyville Cemetery.

-Submitted by Scarlett Lee Fox

Ruth's Riding Attire, long skirt tucked into leather chaps.

Home of Frank T & Druisilla Grice Schleich, 20920 Pherson Pike, Williamsport, OH 43164. L-R: William Schleich, Frank T, Druisilla, Leonard Schleich. 1909.

RUTH RENICK GREGORY

Ruth May Renick was born in Circleville, Ohio to Henry Clay Renick (b. 1862 - d. 1952) and Emma Rice Renick (b. 1865 - d. 1895) m. 4-5-1866 Circleville, Ohio. Her siblings were John Frederick Renick (b. 1889) and Donald VanMetre Renick (b. 1892).

On January 28, 1987 Ruth celebrated her 100th birthday in a nation and world that had changed tremendously from the one she entered. She attended a party in her honor at "Heritage Acres", a new nursing home built in a community that was a dream when she made her first move west from Ohio.

Her first stop was in the Sand Hills, Nebraska area, where she filed and had to "prove on" a piece of land for two years until it became her homestead. While she was "proving on" the land, she applied for a teaching job, which she got, so between teaching and "proving on" she had a "soddie" cabin built on the land. She lived in the cabin until 1914. The cabin was quite primitive and lonely. She also had a "sod" shed built for a horse and a corral built around the horse shed to keep her horse in check. Her mode of traveling was by horseback, riding to and from schools. Ruth started teaching in 1906 to 1913 in Mullins, Hyannis, Seneca and at Brownlee. She thought nothing of riding 20 miles, dancing all night, riding back to the "soddie" and teaching school the next day.

On August 29, 1914 she married George Franklin Gregory (b. 7-29-1889 – d. 8-4-1974) in Billings, Montana. That year they moved to Montana and headed up the Mussell Shell to settle on Hawk Creek mine and C.A. Ross school.

Ruth's son, Richard Alan Gregory (b. 9-13-1918) would eventually become interested in Big Horn Country politics and serve for ten years as county commissioner. They had another son, John Renick Gregory (b. 7-19-1916 – d. 1986).

In 1928 the Gregorys moved to the Rotten Grass Creek area where Frank raised cattle and Ruth raised horses. She continued her teaching career with a car, which she drove to school. Her final teacher's assignment was in Ohio in 1955 when she was visiting and agreed to substitute teach.

Ruth enjoyed traveling and continued to drive until she was 94, when she made her last trip by car from California to Ohio.

Ruth passed away September 7, 1991, at the age of 104.

-Submitted by Jean Gregory

GRICE-SCHLEICH FAMILY

William Grice immigrated to Pickaway County, Ohio from Shropshire, England in the mid-1800's. He worked for W.I. Wood, first in Wayne Township, then in Deercreek Township before buying a small farm in Jackson Township. He married Caroline Cowley who had immigrated from Cirencester, Shropshire, England. They had five children: George, John David, Mary ("Mame" who married George Ingman), Drusilla (1860-1948) who married Frank T. Schleich (1860-1934) and Robert Wesley "Wes". William (1834-1893) and Caroline (1840-1913) are buried in Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, as are William's brothers, Robert and David John who came to Pickaway County at a later date.

John David (1863-1934) married Emma Alice Hays, daughter of Wesley and Mary Gephart Hays. They had three children: Daisy (1887-1977), Leonard (1889-1957) and Charlie (1891-1891). Emma died shortly after Charlie's birth. Both are buried in Springlawn. John was married twice more, living in various locales in the midwest until his death in 1934. He is buried in Michigan. Daisy married Charles "Ed" Brown (1890-1950) and had two children, William and Nellie. Daisy and Ed are buried in Springlawn. Charlie was adopted by his aunt and uncle, Drusilla and Frank Schleich, but died shortly after. Leonard was then adopted by Drusilla and Frank and took the name Leonard Grice Schleich. Drusilla and Frank later had a biological son, William (1897-1946) who married Bessie Sampson and had two children, Normagene and Donald. Leonard first married Bessie Cardiff (1890-1916) and had a son Maxwell Raymond (Jerry) (1911-1994) and a daughter, Florence (Jan-July 1915). Bessie died 20 August 1916 and was buried with Florence in Springlawn. "Jerry" married Ruth Donohoe and had a son William (1932-1986). Both Jerry and Bill are buried in Floral Hills, Pickaway County.

Leonard married, second, Ella Hill, daughter of William C. and Minerva Gulick Hill. Leonard and Ella had six children: 1) George (1919-1952) who married Helen M. Kern (1920-1999) and had a daughter Patricia. After George's death Helen married Herb Hammel. George and Helen are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville. 2) Edith, born 1920, married Warren G. Straley (1920-1976) son of Ross and JessieWhite Straley. Warren is buried in Springlawn. Their children are: Lynn, Dona and Ann. 3) Dorothy, born 1923, married Robert Albright and was later divorced. 4) Frank (1925-1999) married Erma Wilt, daughter of Henry and Flora Irons Wilt. Their sons are Paul, Carl, Dale and Neal. 5) Eugene, born 1927, married Kathryn Hooks, daughter of John and Thelma Layton Hooks and had children: David, Brenda, John, Eric and Dan. 6) Carl died as an infant in 1930. Leonard was a farmer in Jackson and Monroe Townships, served as a Justice of Peace for a short time in Jackson Township, also served as a Deercreek Township School Board Member. After Ella's death, Leonard moved to

Circleville where he managed the State Liquor Store for a short period. In retirement Leonard moved to Hilliard, Ohio to live with Frank. Leonard died in Hilliard in 1957 and is buried in Springlawn with Ella.

-Submitted by David Schleich

JOHN G. HAAS FAMILY

John G. Haas was born February 15, 1837, one of nine children born to Jacob (September 2, 1808 – February 6, 1896) and Rebecca Miesse (November 28, 1810 – November 26, 1883). Jacob Haas came to Pickaway County in 1836 from Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was a blacksmith and farmer. The family lived on a 160-acre farm in Walnut Township, Ashville, Ohio.

John Hass

John Haas was reared and educated in Walnut Township. He attended college in Delaware, Ohio, became a teacher, and taught in Walnut Township for 8 years; the next 4 years he was township superintendent of schools. He was a prominent Democrat and was only 22 years old when he was elected to the office of township clerk. On March 10, 1854, he married Harriet Hedges (August 25, 1836 – March 24, 1901), the daughter of Jabez and Maria Hedges. The Hedges family cam to Walnut Township from Berkley, Virginia. John and Harriet Haas were parents of Edward Byron, Ella, Clara, Dora, and two babies who died in infancy. The Haas' lived on a 306-acre farm just west of Hedges Chapel Church, Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

John Haas managed estates belonging to private and public owners, including 1600 acres owned by Ohio State University. He was a trustee of Reber Hill Cemetery, member of Hedges Chapel Church, original member of Nebraska Grange, and treasurer of the Stoutsville Camp Meeting Association. He was a faithful servant of the church and the poor and needy, as well as homeless children who were always welcome in his home. John Haas died August 3, 1907. His funeral was held at Hedges Chapel Church with Dr. W.O. Thompson, President of Ohio State University, giving a beautiful testimony in appreciation of John Haas' faithful service. The Haas' are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery, Walnut Township, Ashville, Ohio.

Grandsons of John Haas. Howard, John & Ray Heffner.

Edward Haas was born June 22, 1860. He married Clara Peters and they had two sons, Ralph P. and John Samuel. Edward died August 16, 1891, leaving a widow and two little sons. He is buried in Reber Hill Cemetery.

Ella Haas lived at home with her parents.

Clara Haas married Clayton Weaver; they were the parents of five girls, Mable, Alice, Harriet, Anna and Elizabeth. The Weaver family lived in the Haas homestead just west of Hedges Chapel Church. Clayton Weaver was a farmer in Walnut Township; Alice was a first-grade teacher at Walnut Township School. The Weaver family is buried in Reber Hill Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio.

Dora Haas (1867-1917) married Oscar Heffner (1865-1958). They were the parents of John, Ray, and Howard. After Dora's death, Oscar married Nelle Forquer (1889-1944). Howard (1902-1920) died at the age of 18 during a flu epidemic. John (1894-1960) married Grace Irene Warner (1899-1969); they did not have children. The Heffner families were farmers in Washington Township, Circleville, Ohio.

Ray Edward (July 9, 1898 – March 30, 1978) was born in Pickaway County and was a farmer in Walnut Township. He married Margie Alice Warner (March 9, 1898 – Janaury 30, 1973) on April 17, 1919. They had four daughters, Helen Louise, Eleanor Grace, Harriet Elizabeth, and Martha Lee. They attended Hedges Chapel Church. Ray and Margie Heffner are entombed in Reber Hill Mausoleum, Walnut Township, Ashville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Harriet Heffner Hedges

ANTHONY HALL & SAMUEL WOODS FAMILIES

Anthony Hall and Samuel Woods, two early Pickaway County pioneers and their families, arrived from Virginia shortly after 1800. It is reported in the Van Cleaf "History of Pickaway Co. (1906) that Anthony Hall came to Jackson Township about 1800 where he purchased a mill on Darby Creek from William Marquis. He operated this mill until his death in 1825 and is buried in the McClane cemetery near Fox, as is his wife Rachel (Simmons) Hall who preceded him in death in 1823. Other members of the Hall family are also buried there.

Their daughter Elizabeth had married Samuel Woods in Berkley County, Virginia in 1799. In a land transaction in 1832 between Samuel Woods and a Daniel Hanson it states that Samuel and Elizabeth had purchased land August 15, 1808 from John Clark. They purchased land in Wayne Township in 1815 from a William Wood (perhaps Samuel's brother) who had purchased it from a Fergus Moore in 1814. However, Samuel Woods testified in May of 1833 (1833-1835 Pickaway County Deed Book, Page 294) that he had carried the chain for a Judge Kinnear while making a survey of land and that he had been acquainted with this part of the country since 1805. The area was on the Yellow Bud Creek west of the Scioto River.

In the early 1830's Samuel and Elizabeth moved to Cass County, in Michigan Territory where some of their family had settled. But due to an Indian uprising they moved further south and in 1835 purchased land as had several of their children in Elkhart County, Indiana. Samuel died there in 1841 and Elizabeth in 1843, although no burial sites have been found. Several of their children left Indiana and moved to Elkhart Township, Polk County, Iowa. Their son James Alexander Woods and his wife Anna (Ritchart) Woods; their grandson James Alexander Selkirk Woods and his wife Mary Ann (Elliott) Woods; and their great-grandson Samuel E. Woods and his wife Eva (Burns) Woods are buried in the White Oak Cemetery, as are some of their great, great and great, great, great grandchildren.

These early Pickaway County pioneers were quite prolific and are known to have descendants spread over many midwestern and western states that include Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, Texas, California, Oregon, and Washington state. They are even starting over on the East coast with some descendants in Florida and who is to say how man others have settled in states or countries where they haven't been identified as descendants.

-Submitted by Jean Spencer

HALLER FAMILY

The Haller family has deep roots, not only in Pickaway County, Ohio but in American history, as well. The first Haller of our line immigrated to America from Switzerland on July 26, 1731. Heinrich "Henry" Haller came to America on the Ship St. Andrew. When Henry arrived in America he signed the oath of allegiance in Philadelphia on August 18, 1750. He was a protestant. Henry married Christina Kast on March 11, 1760 at the Host Reformed Church in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He soon became Colonel Henry Haller as a patriot of the Revolutionary War. Colonel Henry sent to John Hancock, President of the

Isaac "Thomas" Haller. Monroe Township School Board.

Continental Congress, a letter dated July 6, 1776 stating they were ready to raise troops for war. The troops they raised went to the Battle of Long Island. After the Revolutionary War and service to his country, he moved up the Schuylkill Valley, in Brunswick Township, Pennsylvania and there he died in September 1793, with a very large estate. He had eight sons and two daughters.

William Haller, son of Colonel Henry Haller, was the first of our line to come to Pickaway County, Ohio. He was born August 21, 1774 in Reading, Pennsylvania and died February 8, 1860 in Pickaway County, Ohio. He married Sybilla/Savilla Miller about 1796 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Both William and Sybilla/Savilla are buried in Pickaway County, Ohio. He was a farmer. William and Sybilla/Savilla had a large family, fifteen in numbers.

Isaac C. Haller, son of William Haller, was born January 14, 1814 in Schuylkill, Pennsylvania and died July 15, 1896 in Pickaway County, Ohio. He married Matilda Abernathy on January 28, 1838 in Ross County, Ohio. Both Isaac and Matilda are buried at the Shiloh Cemetery in Pickaway County, Ohio. Isaac and Matilda had five children.

Isaac "Thomas" Haller, son of Isaac C. Haller, was the first of our line to be born in Pickaway County, Ohio. He was born on June 30, 1857 in Deercreek Township and died July 10, 1941 in Monroe Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He married Sarah E. Justice about 1879 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Both Thomas and Sarah are buried at Darbyville, Muhlenburg Township Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio. Thomas was on the Monroe Township School Board for many years, which today is called Westfall School District.

The Haller line does not end here. There have been many since Thomas that have come and gone. The life of these Swiss settlers was a difficult one. But it was a life to which they were able to adapt with pride. They were industrious, hardworking people who wanted above all to obtain for themselves a secure and prosperous position in the New World. Hard work and economy in living were virtues they pursued and passed on to their progeny. Many of their customs and ways of living are still in existence in the area of Pickaway County today and will continue in the days to come.

-Submitted by Karen W. Haller

HARDEN

James Harden was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania in 1793 and served in the War of 1812. About 1815 he moved to the State of Ohio were he died in 1859 and was buried in Hocking County. He had 3 sons: Alfred, James and William.

William was born in 1822 and had 6 children, one named Ephriam J. born in 1846. He later moved to Fairfield County in Stoutsville, Ohio. Ephriam had 7 children. One born in 1883 was Budd Harden who married Fannie Wise. They were parents of Ned and Thomas Harden, born in Stoutsville, Ohio. Budd moved to Lancaster, Ohio in 1922 and was assistant manager for the Chevrolet dealer until 1928 when he moved the family to Circleville and assumed the management of the Chevrolet dealership in Circleville. Ned and Tom attended Circleville Schools and graduated in 1936 and 1940. Both sons entered the military service during World War II. Upon discharge from the service both returned from the war and worked at the dealership.

Ned Harden.

Ned Harden became associated with the Circleville Pumpkin Show in 1950 and retired after 53 years having represented that organization in both the Ohio Festivals and events Association (as President), and The International Festival Association (as its President in 1979). He was presented with the "Ohio Governors Award for Community Service" by Governor James Rhodes in 1981. Ned was the recipient of the Ned Harden Goodwill Ambassador Award presented each year to the person promoting Pickaway County. He is a longtime member of the American Legion, Amvets, Mason Lodge (50 years), Pickaway County Historical Society, Community United Methodist Church, Circleville, charter member and treasure of Circleville Corporation and Pickaway Manor Nursing Home, and Director, The Savings Bank.

Tom Harden moved to California in 1955 and established a builders supply business and has 2 children, Mary Ann and Ned.

Ned Harden married Sally Johnson in 1940 who died in 1985. They had two children: Donald and Nancy. After graduation from high school, Don entered the United States Navy and served on a destroyer during the Cuban missile crisis. He now owns and operates the Harden Chevrolet-Chrysler dealership. He married Linda Reid. They have two children: Tye and Melissa who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina and is married to Jarrod Armstrong.

Nancy attended Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, graduating in speech and hearing. She went to work for the Department of Defense teaching for 4 years in Okinawa and 3 years in Germany. She returned to the United States and received her Master's degree and went to work for the Tucson, Arizona School System. She recently retired and resides in Tucson.

-Submitted by Ned Harden

MARIAN EVA GRACE STROUS HARMON

Marian Eva Grace Strous was born January 14, 1912 to Eddie H. and Mabel (Armstrong) Strous. Marian's parents were married in 1894. Marian had two brothers. The oldest brother, Harold Armstrong, was born in 1899 and the second brother, Curtis Eugene, was born 6 years late in 1905. The family of five lived on their farm along Salt Creek on Strous Road in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Eddie and Mabel farmed and raised livestock. Mabel contracted tuberculosis and died when Marian was 12 years old. This left Marian as the woman of the house, resulting in her being in charge of making sure the milk from the cows was ready for the regular dairy pickup everyday, along with feeding and caring for the family and feeding the thrashers when they came to help with the yearly harvest.

Marion Strous Harman, Harold H. Harmon. 50th Wedding Anniversary. 1985.

1934, Harold Harmon and Marian Strous when they started dating.

Marian went to school at Saltcreek School, Saltcreek Township. She would cross the footbridge over Salt Creek and wait by the roadside until the horse drawn wagon came by to take her and other students to the school. Most of her adolescent years was spent helping with the needs of her family in the house and other duties around the farm. She attended and was a faithful member of Adelphi Methodist Church, Adelphi, Ohio, where she helped in any way she could.

A friend, from Laurelville, Ohio, Celeste Hoy, introduced Marian to Harold H. Harmon. After several years of dating, they went to Greenup, Kentucky and were married on February 2, 1935. After they married they rented a house in Laurelville, Ohio for $7.00 a month.

Harold worked for the gas company, but his interest was with livestock. He eventually opened a meat market in Laurelville. Marian worked with him in raising livestock and then as a partner in the meat market.

They bought a house in Adelphi, Ohio. Daughter, Rita Jane was born in August, 1936 and son, Gary Lee was born January, 1939. Gary Lee died at 2 ½ years of age.

In 1957 Rita Jane married Roger Alton Bell from Marion County, Ohio. Three grandchildren Karen Lynn, Karel Anne and John Konrad added much enjoyment to the lives of Marian and Harold.

Over the years Marian and Harold lived in Adelphi, Columbus, Clark Lake, Pickaway County and Waverly, all in Ohio. They were always involved in their communities, in Masonic lodges and in Methodist churches.

After Marian's retirement from Xerox in Columbus and Harold's retirement from grocery meat market manager, they moved to Waverly, Ohio. Marian died in May, 1990 and Harold died in June, 1990. They are buried in Green Summit Cemetery, Adelphi, Ohio.

-Submitted by Rita Harmon Bell

THE HART FAMILY

Elijah Hart, b. Jan 10, 1831, Hocking County, Ohio, d. Jan 6, 1911, Hocking County, Ohio; married Dec. 29, 1869 to **Samantha Rachel Woodruff**, b. Apr 24, 1851, Hocking County, Ohio, d. Jan 23, 1927, Hocking County, Ohio.

Elijah was inducted into the Union Army May 30, 1864, at Circleville, and went into combat at Petersburg, Virginia. On June 21, 1864, he was wounded in the left foot. The wound became infected, and antibiotics being unknown, his left foot was amputated. On Jan 23, 1865, he was honorably discharged for disability. He returned to Saltcreek Township in Hocking County, and resumed farming.

Millard Fillmore Hart, b. July 13, 1891, Hocking County, d. Jan 13, 1971, Chillicothe; married Sep 4, 1943, Circleville to **Ora Alice Gloyd**, b. Dec 7, 1909, Ashville, d. Mar 22, 1985, Columbus.

Their children:

Bradley Fillmore Hart, b. Sep 12, 1944, Pickaway County; married (1) Jan 5, 1966 Tokyo, Japan to **Sumiko Nakahara**, b. July 18, 1935, Okinawa, Japan, d. Mar 5, 1985, Illinois; married (2) Oct 10, 1986, Circleville to **Mary Maxine Rosenbalm**, b. Mar 11, 1944, Martinsville, Indiana.

Ralph Edward Hart, b. Apr 17, 1946, Ashville; married Oct 1, 1966, Circleville to **Barbara Kay Rittinger**, b. Oct 2, 1947, Circleville

James Millard Hart, b Nov 20, 1947, Ashville; married (1) Dec 20, 1968, Circleville, to **Connie Kay Giffen**, b. Sep 15, 1951, Pickaway County; married (2) Dec 22, 1972, Ashville, to **Nancy Diana Stout**, b. Apr 2, 1955, Circleville

Charles Theodore Hart, b. Sep 13, 1949, Ashville, married Sep 3, 1971, Ashville, to **Sharon Lee Stout**, b. Apr 11, 1952, Circleville.

Millard Fillmore Hart was inducted into the army in 1918, but WWI ended before he began basic training. He moved to Pickaway Township about 1930. He worked for the railroad for several years. In 1955, he moved his family to Bell Station Road and farmed. In 1958, he moved to Walnut Township and worked on the Dudleson farm. With advancing age, he became unable to continue farming, and retired, living on Kingston Pike.

March 22, 1996. L-R: Jim (49), Ralph (50), Brad (51), Ted Hart (48 years old).

Milliard L. Hart and Orce Sloyd Burris. Married September 1943.

Bradley Fillmore Hart graduated from Logan Elm High School May 24, 1963. He served in the Air Force from Aug 30, 1963 to June 30, 1988. He served in Japan and Ohio. From 1968-1969 he served in Vietnam. Assignments followed in Okinawa, and duty with the Inspector General. He retired June 30, 1988. Following retirement he worked for the Exchange Service at Wright-Patterson AFB and drove for Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia, Ohio. He now lives with Mary in Jamestown, Ohio.

Ralph Edward Hart graduated from Logan Elm May 25, 1965. He served in the National Guard from 1965 to 1971. He worked for Ashville Lumber, Lincoln Plastics, Hammel-McCrady Plumbing, and DuPont Corporation in Circleville, retiring in 2001. He currently works part-time for Schoedinger. He and wife Barbara live near Circleville.

James Millard Hart graduated from Logan elm May 30, 1967. He enlisted in the USAF Dec 22, 1967, and was medically discharged Jan 31, 1968. He worked at various jobs as a painter and carpenter, a truck driver for Eastern Avenue Lumber in Chillicothe, and as yard supervisor for the company until retiring in Oct 1990. He ran his own construction company until 2003. He resides in Piketon, Ohio with his daughter.

Charles Theodore Hart graduated from Logan Elm in 1969. He served in the Air Force from 1969 to 1973. He worked for Buckeye Steel Corp. in Columbus, and later for the Circleville Police Department. In Aug 1988 he secured employment at Rickenbacker ANG Base until 1994. He transferred to his present job at the Defense Construction & Supply Center, Columbus. He lives in South Bloomfield with wife Sharon.

-Submitted by Bradley F. Hart

BARBARA & DENNY HART FAMILY

Denny Hart and Barbara Baylous Hart were married August 14, 1976, in Laurelville, Ohio. Barbara grew up on the Baylous family farm in Pickaway County, Ohio. Her parents are Ruby and Gerald Baylous. Denny grew up in Hocking County, Ohio, the son of Floyd and Eunice Hart. At the time of their marriage, Denny was a partner in the Hart family business, Hart Brothers Timber. Barbara was a legal secretary. The couple began married life in a residence on the Baylous family farm. In 1980 Barbara and Denny had a daughter, Leighann Denise Hart.

In 1983 the Hart family moved to the Kingston Pike, Circleville, Ohio. At that time Barbara was a Program Assistant for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Denny was making countertops and cabinets at Parsons Cabinets in Columbus. In addition, he continued to operate his own business in carpentry and remodeling. This business fulfilled his true love of construction, working with wood, building custom staircases and cabinets. In 1985, Denny began working at PPG Industries as a reactor operator. Barbara began attending college classes at Ohio University in 1988. By 1997 she had attained an Associates Degree in Human Services, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Masters Degree in Community and Agency Counseling. In that same year she began working for Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center in Circleville, Ohio. As Leighann became very involved in music activities at Logan Elm High School, Denny also became very involved in the Logan Elm Music Boosters and served as President of that organization for 2 years. Leighann graduated from Logan Elm High School in 1998 and enrolled at Capital University, Bexley, Ohio. In 2000 Barbara opened a counseling private practice in Circleville, Ohio. She also began working at a private practice in Lancaster, Ohio, and later moved with that practice to an office in Pickerington, Ohio. Leighann completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics in 2002. She was married that same year to Eric Cook from Canal Winchester, Ohio.

April 1981, Barbara, Denny and Daughter Leighann Denise Hart. Leighann was 8 mo. old.

Barbara continues to operate the private practice in Circleville and provide counseling services at her office in Pickerington. Denny continues to work at PPG industries as a reactor operator. He also continues to operate his own carpentry and remodeling business. The couple still resides at the Kingston Pike home. Leighann and her husband currently live in Circleville.

-Submitted by Barbara J. Hart

HARTINGER

Hartinger ancestors immigrated to America from Germany around 1730 and settled in Pennsylvania. These early "clans" ultimately relocated and settled in the Ohio Valley.

John William Hartinger was the son of Peter Hartinger and Maria Catharina Prough. He was the only child from this union and was born on September 6, 1803 in Fairfield County, Ohio. On January 19, 1826, he married Susan Walters in Pickaway County, Ohio. They were blessed with the following children: Isabelle, Catherine Marie, Peter, Elizebeth, Salem, John William Jr., Mary Elizebeth, and James William. Around 1835, the family chose to relocate and moved out to Hardin County, Iowa. Peter and James remained.

Peter Hartinger married Laura A. Older on August 1, 1856 in Pickaway County, Ohio and settled in Deercreek Township. On May 12, 1862, Peter became a private in Company I of 126th Ohio Volunteer Regiment. He was wounded at Winchester, Virginia on September 19, 1864 and was subsequently discharged at Columbus, Ohio in June of 1865.

Peter returned back to his family in Pickaway County which consisted of ten children. John William II was born April 14, 1858 and later married Sarah C. Bishop Buskirk. They were married on December 16, 1869 and had three children, Bessie, Frank and Nellie. John William II died on January 19, 1911 in Ross County, Ohio and Sarah died on June 7, 1935. Both were buried at Brown Chapel Cemetery in Ross County.

The other children were Harvey Allen who was born September 12, 1859, Mary Elizebeth who was born September 15, 1862, James Lyman born in 1866, Joseph born September 10, 1870, Ida May born in May 1870, Rose born on May 10, 1875, Laura May in 1876, Luther on February 10, 1879, and Charles on February 26, 1880.

Laura Hartinger died on November 11, 1881 in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County, and was buried in Springlawn Cemetery, Wiliamsport, Ohio, along with three of their children. Peter Hartinger moved out to Hardin County, Iowa to live out the remainder of his life and died on October 18, 1904. He was buried at Sheppard Cemetery in Union, Iowa.

Joseph Hartinger married Elma Vansickle on April 18, 1898 in Pickaway County, Ohio and had one son named Ernest. He was born on November 7, 1897 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Joseph and Elma were divorced on May 23, 1900 and both later remarried but had no children. Joseph died on November 17, 1918 and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio. Elma died on February 9, 1959 and was buried in Hitler Ludwig Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Ernest married Vera Ethel Zimbleman on April 15, 1916 in Pickaway County, Ohio and had ten children. Ernest was a member of the 4th Regiment Ohio National Guard in 1916 led by General Pershing who pursued Pancho Villa. He received his honorable discharge on June 27, 1916. Ernest died on July 5, 1974 and Ethel died on June 15, 1982. Both were buried in Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio. Their children were Ernest Howard who was born April 19, 1914 and later married Flora Gossman on July 6, 1935. Their union produced four children. Ernest died February 4, 1990 and Flora died February 11, 1992. Both were buried in Sunset Memorial Park in North Olmstead, Ohio.

80th Birthday of Ethel Hartinger, 1974.

Austin Leroy was born October 18, 1916 and later married Elizabeth I. Shave in Cleveland, Ohio. This union produced three children. Austin or "Bud" as he was commonly known, died on July 29, 1996 and Elizabeth died on October 7, 1967. Both were buried in Sunset Memorial Park in North Olmstead, Ohio.

Edith May was born September 11, 1918 and married Joseph Krakom-Berger in 1950. They had two daughters. Joseph died in 1993 and was buried in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mary was born on January 30, 1921 but died on January 30, 1922 and was buried in West Park Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio. Betty Louise was born on March 27, 1922 and married Leonard Santos in Cleveland, Ohio. They had one daughter. Leonard died in 1980 and Betty died in 1997. Florence was born on February 16, 1926 but died on April 16, 1926. She was laid to rest beside her sister, Mary, in West Park Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. Margaret Ethel was born July 16, 1927 but died unexpectedly in April 1989 and was buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Richard (Dick) Hartinger was born January 16, 1930 and married Patricia Ann Leeth in Washington Court House, Ohio on October 19, 1954. They have two sons, Richard (Rick) born January 11, 1956 and Timothy Allen born on May 16, 1958.

Dick was among a group of stellar athletes in Circleville who had the distinction of having the first undefeated season at Circleville High School in football in 1949 and 1950. Dick was also a standout in baseball and softball. When he served in the Army, he was chosen to participate in the Army's V Corp Softball Championship Series held in Germany.

Dick also had strong interest in the field of law enforcement and held a Commission under Charles Radcliff and Dwight Radcliff. Dick, along with Deputy George Linder, were assigned to guard convicted murderer Cleo Keaton in a famous murder trial in 1964.

Dick's wife, Patricia, was taken from us on December 15, 1994 after a struggle with cancer. She was buried in Floral Hills Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Rick was the first Hartinger to attend a four year liberal arts school and graduated from Ashland University where he also was a four year letterman in football. He later pursued a career in law enforcement and retired after 26 years. Tim also excelled in football and attended Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio. Tim married Kimberly Allison on June 9, 1979. They were blessed with the birth of Jenna Marie born on May 16, 1985 and Kory Michael on January 31, 1990. Jenna was a very talented softball pitcher while attending Logan Elm High School. Kory is currently a talented athlete too at Circleville High School in football, basketball, and baseball.

The last of the children for Ernest and Ethel was Barbara Ethel who was born July 27, 1932 and who married Victor Jones. They had three sons, Brent, Wade, and Todd. Barb died on February 17, 2003 and was buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Robert Wesley was born on March 16, 1936 and Robert Ernest became a member of the family on January 17, 1941. Robert Ernest (Pete) married Patricia Quincel on October 6, 1964 and had one daughter named Robin born on May 30, 1967 and a son Troy born on January 30, 1970.

-Submitted by Richard Hartinger

SAMUEL HARVEY & CLARA RIDGWAY

Roy C., born 1858, and wife Marie (Chenowith) lived on and worked the land on the Rennick Road farm near Ashville, Ohio. They were active members of the community. Ray was a man of his word, a man you could depend on. He and Marie had one son, Bruce Chenowith, wife Ruth (Gantz), deceased. He had one grandson – Lewis Bruce (Mary Ann Braley) and three granddaughters – Marie, Michelle and Marsha. He also had thirteen great-grandchildren. After Marie's passing, Ray wed Garnet (Hanning) and had one son, Kermit C. (deceased). Bruce, now deceased, leaves second wife Lois Cole.

Harry and wife Minnie lived and farmed the land on the London Road, Ridgway farm most of their lives. Harry, a pleasant and loving many with a constant smile, was greatly admired by his three grandsons. One daughter, Marvine (Wesley) Miller, later wed Jack Walters. They had three grandsons – Roger (Jacqulyn) Miller, Kenneth (Rosalie) Miller and Steven (Linda) Miller. There were four great-grandchildren.

-Submitted by Jody Durflinger

HAWKES FAMILY

Timothy (Hawk) Hawkes born September 8, 1791, in Pickaway County, married Martha who was born November 23, 1826, in Virginia. Timothy, a laborer, died April 29, 1870 in a farming accident on the John Frey farm in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he

is believed to be buried. Martha died August 28, 1895, in Circleville, Ohio and is buried in Caldwell Cemetery. Their son Samuel Lincoln Hawkes was born July 19, 1863. He delivered rocks for the State Route 22 silver bridge with a team of horses and wagon. He married Cordia Mae Ramey who was born in Frankfort, Ohio, November 17, 1875. She was the daughter of Rufus Putman Ramey born 1849 and died July 8, 1907, and Ellen Cobern born 1846 and died October 9, 1909. Samuel and Cordia were members of the United Brethren Church on East Main Street, Circleville, Ohio. Many of their descendants became members of the United Brethren Church, now Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Circleville, Ohio. Samuel and Cordia's children were Nellie Lucille, Alice Almeda, Baby Boy, Frank William, Ora Belle, and Vernon LeRoy.

Samuel Hawkes and Cordia (Ramey) Hawkes.

Nellie, born March 14, 1896, married Charles Richardson and were the parents of Howard, Richard, Kenneth Edwin, and Loren Eugene.

Alice married Pearl Harrison and were the parents of Vernon, Charles, Ora Mae, and Mary Alice.

Vernon married Mary Rosalie Cloud and were the parents of Mary Joanne Hawkes who married Richard Clifton.

Frank Hawkes was born February 28, 1902, in Circleville, Ohio. He married Esther Mae Willis, born September 21, 1910, in Ross County, Chillicothe, Ohio. He worked on the railroad and retired from Container Corporation of America after 42 years of service. They had five children: Dolores Jean, Phyllis Ann, Elliott Lee, Ronald Louis, and Branson J. Esther Mae died February 12, 1970. Frank died November 28, 1984. They are buried in Jackson Township Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Dolores married Woodrow Carley, who was in the Air Force during World War II. They have one son, Dana Woodrow Carley.

Phyllis Hawkes worked for the Agriculture Stabilization and Correction Office, Circleville, Ohio, and retired from the Copco Paper Company, Columbus, Ohio.

Elliott married Marilyn Darlene Turner and are the parents of Jo Carol, Dawn Lynette, Krista Renee, Elliott II, and Judith Darlene.

Ronald was born September 28, 1940, in Circleville. He worked at The Circleville Herald and retired from General Electric, Circleville, Ohio, after 37 years of service. He served in the army during the Vietman War with the 196th Aviation Chinook Helicopter Company. He married Audrey Lee Sabine in 1963. She was born February 14, 1942 in Circleville. She worked at DuPont and Pickaway County Title Department. They have one child, Rhonda Ronette.

Rhonda was born February 9, 1972. She was a Field Commander of the Circleville Band for five years, two Junior High and three Senior High. She is a kindergarten teacher in Circleville. She married Rodney Allen Miner who was born December 31, 1964, in Ross County, Ohio. He works for Able Construction Inc., Frankfort, Ohio. They are the parents of two children, Cynthia Lynn and Crystal Isabella.

-Submitted by Ronald Hawkes

JACOB HEDGES

The descendants of Jacob Hedges, born June 29, 1828, have resided in Pickaway County since 1881. That was the year when farmer Jacob Hedges and Sarah (Brink) Hedges obtained a 335 acre farm in Wayne Township, Pickaway County. They were previously residents of Ross County, Ohio where Jacob married Sarah on July 14, 1853. Jacob was a strong abolitionist during the Civil War, and he assisted the Underground Railroad which ran through the southwestern portions of Ross County. Jacob's compassion and bravery helped many slaves escape to freedom. (Ref. #1) Jacob was also a Mason and belonged to the Pickaway Lodge No. 23 in Circleville, Ohio. Jacob and Sarah had eleven children: Jacob, Benton, Scioto, Edward, Josiah, Alice, Lizzie, and Effie. Their son Josiah R. Hedges was a well known lumber dealer in Ashville, Ohio. Their first born son, Jacob William Hedges, is described below.

Jacob William Hedges was born on July 21, 1857 in Yellowbud, Ross County, Ohio and moved to Pickaway County with his family in 1881. He was a successful farmer and resided near South Bloomfield, Pickaway County. Jacob William was married to Etta (Adams) Hedges on June 11, 1891 by Rev. I.M. Brashares and they had eight children: Ruth Elizabeth, Richard, Reed, Rachael Hortense, Ruby, Warner, Rose Phyllis, and Roberta Joy. Ruby Hedges was a well known teacher of the commercial course in the Ashville schools. (Ref. #2)

Warner Hedges, born December 26, 1901, lost his leg by accident at 16 years old when his shotgun misfired. (Ref. #3) Warner survived the accident and was fitted with a wooden leg. He later became a successful farmer near Ashville, Ohio. Warner Hedges married Pearl (Brown) of Ashville, and they had two children: David and Susan.

David Hedges, born September 2, 1933, is still a farmer near Ashville. He was married twice (Jean and Joyce) and had seven children, five of whom are still living. His children are: Wesley, David, Cindy, Tommy, Daniel, Heidi, and Andrea. Wesley Hedges is a physician, David a retired soldier and US government employee, Cindy and Tommy are deceased, Daniel is a medical salesman, Heidi is a United Parcel Service employee and housewife, and Andrea is a school teacher.

Many descendants of Jacob Hedges are still living in Pickaway County, some in different states, and even some in Europe.

Ref. #1: Portrait and Biographical Record, Fayette, Pickaway and Madison Counties by Chapman, 1892, Page 302.

Ref. #2: Article, J.W. Hedges Dead (Circleville Herald, December 1922)

Ref. #3: Article, Shooting: Warner Hedges May Lose His Life (Circleville Herald 1918)

-Submitted by David Hedges

THE HEFFNER FAMILY

Many Heffners came to America from Germany and settled first in Berks County, Pennsylvania, south of Virginsville. There were Heffner ancestors who served with the Berks Co. Militia, a part of the Colonial Army under the command of General George Washington.

A galley named the Hope Greeley left European shores on May 4, 1733. Two of the Heffner ancestors who came to America on this ship were Henrich Hafner, born 9/10/1644 and his wife Ursula Gramlich, both of Eberstadt, Germany. They had a son, Johann Georg Hafner, born 10/17/1698, and he married Orstel. Johann and Orstel had a son named, Anthony Hafner, born 4/10/1742.

Anthony Hafner served under General George Washington in the Revolutionary War. Anthony married Catherine Hill, born 10/15/1743 and they had eight children. One of their sons was Abraham Heffner, born 10/24/1778 and died 2/17/1868.

Abraham and Catherine Heffner, Early 1800's.

Abraham Heffner married Catherine (Whirline/Worline) born 2/28/1786 and died 1/30/1866. They are both buried in Prairie View Cemetery near Whisler, Ohio. Abraham and Catherine migrated in 1807 over the Cumberland Mountains, came through Ohio, following Ebenezer Zane's trace, settling near the lush deep forests of Salt Creek Township. They came in a covered wagon with their one child. They lived in the wagon until they built a 16' x 20' log cabin in 1809. They purchased 76 acres of land on 9/19/1812 for $532.

A total of eleven children were born to the couple. One of their sons was Samuel Heffner, born 10/13/1820 and he married Elizabeth Hollar, who was born 8/5/1927. Samuel Heffner owned several hundred acres in Salt Creek Township. One farm was named Willow Brook and was purchased in 1860. Samuel served as a township trustee and was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Whisler. Samuel and Elizabeth raised five sons, the youngest being LaFayette, born 5/2/1855.

Lafayette first married Mary Selina Imler. His second wife was Laura Karshner, born 11/18/1865 and died 2/15/1955. Lafayette inherited Willow Brook Farm when his father died in 1895. Lafayette and Laura raised two sons, Clarence and Earl.

Earl Heffner was born 2/2/1889 and died 2/4/1956. He married Ada Miller, born 7/9/1889 and died 3/28/1974. Earl and Ada raised three children. Their oldest daughter was Sarah Elizabeth, born 8/22/1913 and died 6/22/1999.

Sarah Elizabeth Heffner married Robert Eugene Bower, born 12/18/1915 and died 2/8/1992. Elizabeth purchased Willow Brook Farm at the Earl Heffner estate sale in 1957. Robert and Elizabeth raised one son, Robert Louis Bower, Born 4/25/1944. He married Melodee Bartholomew, born 1/9/1945. Robert and Melodee have two children, John Michael Bower, born 8/20/1970, and Carey Suzanne Bower, 5/31/1973. John and Carey inherited Willow Brook Farm from their grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth Bower in 1999.

The log cabin built near Whisler by Abraham and Catherine Heffner in 1812 has been acquired by the Bower Family and is being reassembled on the Willow Brook Farm. The 176 acre farm is the only land remaining in the Heffner/Bower family today.

-Submitted by Robert Bower

GEORGE HEFFNER FAMILY

Andreas Haeffner lived in Eberstadt, Germany, a beautiful region known as Bergstrasse. The Heffner name was spelled five different ways in the 1600's and 1700's: Haeffner, Haefner, Hafner, Hefner, and today, Heffner.

Heinrich Haeffner was a son of Andreas Haeffner in Germany. He was a weaver by trade. In September 1749, he sailed from Rotterdam on the ship "Patience" with 270 passengers and landed at Delaware. He served in the Continental Army and was taken prisoner by the British in New Jersey. On November 28, 1752, he married Maria Eva Ketchner. They settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania. They had eight children. The Haeffners are buried in Moselem Church Cemetery, Virginville, Pennsylvania.

Johan George Haeffner (1757-1818) was a son of Heinrich and Maria Haeffner. He married Maria Hummel (1759-1848). They had five children. The Haeffners are buried in Moselem Cemetery, Virginville, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Heffner (1787-1867) was a son of Johan George and Maria Haeffner. He married M. Anna Dietrich (1787-1838) and they had eight children. The Heffners are buried in the Moselem Cemetery, Virginville, Pennsylvania.

Harry Heffner (1810-1897) was a son of Jacob and M. Anna Heffner and was born in Virginville, Pennsylvania. In 1833 he and a friend decided to go west. They walked 500 miles in 16 days and ended up in Circleville, Ohio. For three years they worked as shoemakers. He married M. Elizabeth Riegel (1807-1885); they lived in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, and had eight children. He was a farmer and when he retired, he moved to Circleville to be near his two sons, Henry and William. William owned a large roller mill in Circleville making 36 barrels of flour a day. He also was a partner with his brother, Henry, and a Reichelderfer who owned the Circleville Mills which turned out 200 barrels of corn meal each day. Harry and M. Elizabeth Heffner are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Farm home on Whinchester Rd. just north of Rt. 188-Washington Twp. Oscar and Doara Haas Heffner, sons Ray, John, Howard.

George Heffner (1839-1919) was a son of Harry and Elizabeth Heffner. He was a farmer and lived four miles east of Circleville. He married M. Sarah Jane Brown (1844-1935) on July 11, 1963. They were the parents of Flora, Charles C., and Oscar.

Flora (1864-1929) married George Hook (1863-1954). They lived in Ashville and owned a dry goods store. Their children were Floyd (1890-1979) and twin daughters Fannie (1888-1948) and Lizzie (1888-1897).

Charles C. (1867-1946) was married to Corrilla Heffner (1877-1939). He was a farmer and county commissioner. They lived on the family farm located at the corner of Winchester and Bell Station roads in Walnut Township. These families are entombed in Reber Hill Mausoleum, Walnut Township, Ashville, Ohio.

Oscar Heffner (1865-1958) married Dora Haas (1867-1917). They were the parents of John, Ray, and Howard. They lived on a farm on Winchester Road just north of Route 188, near Circleville, Ohio. After Dora's death, Oscar married Nelle Forquer (1889-1944). Howard (1902-1920) died at the age of 18 during a flu epidemic. John (1894-1960) married Grace Irene Warner (1899-1969); they did not have children. The Heffner families were farmers in Washington Township. Nelle Forquer Heffner is buried in Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio. The other family members are buried Reber Hill Cemetery, Walnut Township, Ashville,Ohio.

Ray Edward (July 9, 1898- March 30, 1978) married Margie Alice Warner (March 9, 1898 – January 30, 1973) on April 17, 1919. Margie and Grace Warner were sisters married to brothers, John and Ray Heffner. Ray and Margie Heffner lived on a 300-acre farm in Walnut Township. He raised corn, wheat, vegetables, and melons. They were the parents of four daughters, Helen Louise (1923-2004) married George Smith, Eleanor Grace (1924) married Robert R. Barr, Harriet Elizabeth (1926) married Joe Hedges, and Martha Lee (1928) married William Wharton. Ray and Margie Heffner are entombed in Reber Hill Mausoleum, Walnut Township, Ashville, Ohio.

Descendants of George and Sarah Jane Heffner residing in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 2005 include great-grandchildren Eleanor Barr and Martha Wharton, great-great grandchildren Patricia L. Barr, Rhonda Purcell, Randy Wharton, and Bruce Wharton, and great-great-great grandchildren Nathan Purcell, Joy Purcell, Caylin Wharton, and Kendall Wharton.

-Submitted by Eleanor Heffner Barr

RAY EDWARD HEFFNER FAMILY

Ray Edward Heffner was born in Washington Township, Circleville, Ohio, July 9, 1898, the son of Oscar and Dora Haas Heffner and grandson of George and Sarah J. Brown Heffner. They were descendants of Andreas Heffner who lived in Eberstadt, Germany. In 1749 Heinrich Haeffner, the son of Andreas Haeffner, sailed from Rotterdam n the ship "Patience' with 270 passengers and landed in Delaware. His family settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania. In 1833, Harry Heffner, the great-grandson of Heinrich Heffner, decided to go west; he and a friend walked 500 miles in 16 days and ended up in Circleville, Ohio.

Ray Heffner had two brothers, John and Howard. The Heffners were farmers and lived on a farm on Winchester Road just north of Route 188 in Washington Township near Circleville. Ray Heffner married Margie Alice Warner (1898-1973) on April 17, 1919. They lived on a 300-acre farm in Walnut Township east of Hedges Chapel Church, Ashville, Ohio. They were the parents of four daughters, Helen, Eleanor, Harriet, and Martha. He was a farmer and grew vegetables, melons, turnips, corn and wheat. Will W. Fischer & Son from Ashville took the vegetables, melons and turnips to market in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1956 Ray and Margie built a brick home on the corner of Plum and Park Streets in Ashville and moved from their farm. Margie died January 30, 1973 and Ray passed away March 30, 1978. They are entombed in Reber Hill Mausoleum, Walnut Township, near Ashville, Ohio.

Helen Heffner (May 31, 1923 – March 14, 2004) married George O. Smith on September 5, 1944 in Walnut Township. They had twelve children, nine boys and three girls. Their families all live near Springfield, Ohio.

Eleanor Heffner, born September 22, 1924 in Walnut Township, married Robert R. Barr on January 31, 1944. They had two children, Patricia Lynn and Richard Alan. Robert was

Ray and Margie Heffner with daughters Helen, Elanore, Harriet, and Martha

born September 8, 1924, in Fairfield County, died September 18, 1983, and is buried in Reber Hill Cemetery.

Patricia Barr was born December 25, 1946 in Circleville, Ohio. She married Michael D. Neff June 12, 1966; their daughter, Angela Sue was born April 20, 1971. Michael died December 8, 1973. Patricia married Dean E. Barr February 3, 1978; they have a daughter, Laurie Renee' born November 3, 1979. Angela married Stephen D. Gussler (October 4, 1970) on July 17, 1999. They have on daughter, Michayla Renee born April 30, 2002.

Richard Barr was born March 21, 1950 in Columbus, Ohio. He married Martha Ann Sark September 11, 1971; they had two sons, Alan Michael born April 6, 1979, and Aaron Matthew born September 8, 1983. The Barrs were later divorced. Dr. Barr married Dr. Karen Strickfaden August 8, 1997; they have two children, Kyle Richard born December 2, 2002 and Nicole Catherine born December 29, 2003. They live near Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Harriet Heffner, born June 12, 1926, married Joe Hedges (born June 7, 1926) on February 24, 1947. Their daughter, Melanie Sue (born September 10, 1951) married Frank Greenfield on August 12, 1973. They have two children, Joshua Kyle, born August 26, 1978 and Carli Nicole born February 2, 1982. The Hedges and Greenfields live in Marietta, Georgia.

Martha Lee Heffner was born August 18, 1928 in Walnut Township and married William Wharton March 20, 1948. William was born October 17, 1924 and died April 4, 1994. He is buried in Reber Hill Cemetery. They had three children, Rhonda Joy, Randy Brent, and Bruce Alan.

Rhonda Wharton was born November 27, 1953 and married John Purcell September 21, 1974. They are the parents of Nathan Ryan, born April 16, 1979, and Joy Marissa, born November 17, 1982.

Randy Wharton, born September 1, 1955, married Stefanie Stewart August 1, 1981. They have two girls Caylin Elizabeth, born March 24, 1983, and Kendall Marlee, born August 16, 1984.

Bruce Wharton was born September 12, 1957. He lives in Scioto Townsip, Circleville, Ohio.

Descendants of Ray Heffner residing in Pickaway County, Ashville, Ohio, in 2005 include daughters Eleanor Barr and Martha Wharton, grandchildren Patricia L. Barr, Rhonda Purcell, Randy Wharton and Bruce Wharton, and great grandchildren Nathan Purcell, Joy Purcell, Caylin Wharton, and Kendall Wharton.

-Submitted by Martha Heffner Wharton

HEIM - BARTHOLOMEW

Peter and Susan (Alspaugh) Heim came to Ohio in 1841 from Madison, Pennsylvania with their young family. Their children were: Susanna, born in 1830; Daniel, born in 1832; Phillip, born August 11, 1834 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania; and Rebecca, born in 1840.

The family first settled in Amanda Tonwhsip, Fairfield County, Ohio and soon after moved to a farm just north of East Ringgold in Walnut Township, Pickaway County. The 1850 Walnut Township Census lists Peter's family and his occupation as a farmer.

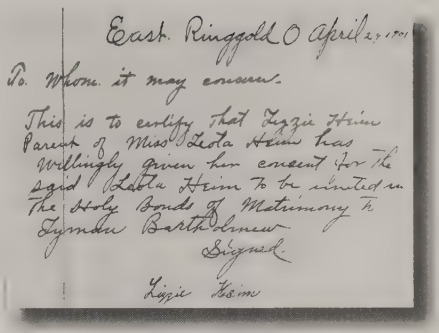
January 1, 1842, Peter Heim purchased 139 acres of land. The value of the land was listed as $662.00

Phillip Heim, son of Peter and Susan, grew to manhood in Walnut Township and was engaged in farming and other pursuits. He married Eva Spade (Epha Spathe), who was born March 18, 1834, in Pennsylvania. They were the parents of Franklin Monroe Heim, born March 17, 1856; Lizzie (Elizabeth), born September 16, 1858; and Phillip L., born in 1862.

On the 1880 Walnut Township Census, Eva's family is listed, but Phillip is not listed in the household. The census lists Eva Heim as being 46 years of age and keeping the house; Franklin M. is 24 and listed as son/worker on farm; Susan E. (Lizzie) is listed as 20 years old, daughter/worker in house, and Phillip is 18 and son/worker on farm.

Lizzie Heim grew to adulthood and became the single parent of a daughter, Leota Mabel Heim, born June 7, 1884, in East Ringgold. When Leota was 17 years old, she was granted permission to marry by way of a handwritten note signed by her mother on April 24, 1901.

John and Laura (Rife) Bartholomew and their children. Front: Charles and Lyman. Back: Nellie, Roy and Jennie. Picture taken around 1904.



East. Ringgold O April 2, 1901

To. Whom. it may concern.

This is to certify that Lizzie Heim Parent of Miss Leota Heim has willingly given her consent for the said Leota Heim to be united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony to Lyman Bartholomew

Signed

Lizzie Heim

On May 1, 1901, Leota Mabel Heim became the wife of Lyman Laurence Bartholomew. Lyman's parents were John and Laura (Rife) Bartholomew and his grandparents were Joseph and Mary (Myers) Bartholomew.

Of the union of Leota and Lyman Bartholomew, ten children were born. They were Harry, born April, 1902; Otis (Ott) born December, 1903; John Franklin born February, 1906; Mary Elizabeth born November, 1908; Paul Lenard born February, 1910; Ruth born November 1911; Lyman Kenneth born April, 1914; Charles Curtis born April, 1916; Harold Russell born December, 1917; and Robert born March, 1919.

On a cold crisp beautiful winter day in 2003, we discovered the Heim line of our family tree and located the graves of our great great great grandparents, Peter and Susan Heim, in the cemetery behind the old Warner Church, west of East Ringgold on State Route 188. Our hearts were filled with joy at the discovery of this piece of the puzzle of our family tree.

-Submitted by Melodee Bower and Pat Lee

ELMER ELLSWORTH HELWAGEN & MARY ETTA ADKINS HELWAGEN

Elmer Helwagen was born October 11, 1864, to Charles Barnhardt and Sidney Walston Helwagen. Elmer's father, Charles, was born in the state of Prussia, Germany, and came to Williamsport, Ohio about 1850. He married Sidney, daughter of James Walston, one of the earliest settlers of Pickaway County.

Elmer was one of the leading farmers of Deercreek Township, Ohio, where he had served in the Office of Trustee. In November, 1904, he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and excelled in doing many important duties of the office for Pickaway County.

In 1887 Elmer married Mary Etta Adkins in Pickaway County. She was born February 24, 1868, and was the daughter of David and Christena Runkle Adkins of Jackson Township, Pickaway County. Mary Etta's father, David Adkins, had also served as Pickaway County Commissioner and was a prosperous farmer. Mary Etta's mother, Christena Runkle, was born in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, on October 26, 1846. She was the daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Kroninger Runkle, pioneering families of Pickaway County.

Elmer & Mary Etta Helwagen

Elmer and Mary Etta were members of the German Lutheran Church at Lick Run and later Trinity Lutheran Church in Circleville.

Elmer and Mary Etta had seven children: Roy, Maude, Henry Edwin, Ruth, Christena, Gertrude, and Paul.

Roy was born in 1887. Roy married Zetta Bowman. Maude, born in 1890, married Charles F. Krieger. Maude and Charles' children were Betty Jean, Karl, and Paul Richard. Henry Edwin was born in 1891. He married Laura Carter and their children were Henry Edwin "Bud", Marye Enola, Louise, and Bette Lou. Ruth was born in 1893 and married Ralph Ludwig Beck. Their children were Mary and John. Christena was born in 1898 and married John W. Walters. Their children were Dorothy, Paul, and David. Gertrude was born in 1902 and married Charles Frank Webbe. Their children were Lena Mae and Charles "Bud". Lastly, Paul Darius was born in 1903. He married Kathryn Fitzpatrick and their children were George Ellsworth and Barbara.

Elmer and Mary Etta resided for many years on East Mound Street, Circleville. "It was there that they raised chickens in the barn and made home-made wine from grapes growing on the arbor in their yard. Elmer was always heard whistling *Let Me Call You Sweetheart*, while working in the vegetable garden with Mary Etta." (Notes from granddaughter, Lena Mae Webbe Carr)

Elmer died in 1940, Mary Etta in 1951 and both are buried at Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Dianne L. Norman Richards

MARYE ENOLA "HELWAGEN" BARSZCZ

Marye Enola "Helwagen" Barszcz was born in Circleville, September 9, 1916 to Edwin and Laura Carter Helwagen. She had two sisters and a brother, Louise, Bette-Lou and Bud, all deceased.

Her first husband was Charles Chester Sturgell and she had a son, Charles Chester Sturgell Jr., born August 8, 1934. During World War II she worked at Ford Motor Company raising her son "Chuck". There she met her second husband John Barszcz and deciding to move to Florida, was married in Valdosta, Georgia.

In Florida they bought "Grace's" and with a partner called Ann, opened "Mary-Ann's Drive-In", bought the restaurant outright, and kept busy through the 1950's. They had "Chuck" with them and he attended local schools and later joined the Navy. A son was born to them, Brandon Barry Barszcz, On October 24, 1950.

Selling the restaurant they lived in the area east of Tampa. Marye, never one to remain idle, took classes in upholstery and drapery, recovering nearly every sofa and chair in the house and making curtains for the house. Then taking up watercolor and ceramics she opened a shop in her home which soon grew.

Buying property a couple of blocks from her house, in 1968 she opened Marye Made Hobby House which soon became the largest ceramic shop in Florida and one of the largest in the southern United States. John soon joined her in the business from his lucrative Aetna Insurance and Real Estate business. Through shrewd investments in real estate and other ventures, they sold the business and the building in 1990. Chuck, upon leaving the Navy entered college, earned a degree in electrical engineering, worked for NASA as one of their top engineers, retiring to Largo, Florida and passed away in 2000. Brandon went to college and earned a degree in History and American Studies, inspired by Marye's love of history. Active in Living History reenactments, he learned about his Civil War ancestor Charles B. Helwagen and joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and on the "Carter" side became active in the SCV.

Taken around 1952 or 1953 in front of "Mary-Ann Drive In" shows Ed and Laura Helwagen, with John Barszcz, holding Brandon, and Marye Enola. This photo was taken by Chalres "Chuck" Sturgell, Jr., who was home on leave from the US Navy Submarine Service.

Once Marye had moved to Florida, relatives and friends of both she and her husband made vacation trips and holiday trips to Florida. She would make trips to her family in Ohio and her husband's family in Michigan, mainly at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Brandon loved the Christmas trips as he picked up gifts from everybody.

John passed away on March 17, 1996. Marye passed away on December 17, 1998.

-Submitted by Brandon B. Barszcz

HENN FAMILY

Jacob Henn was born in 1823 and his wife Margaretha Schneider in 1825. They were married in 1849 and arrived in Circleville, Ohio in 1852 from Krottelbach, Phalz, Bayern, Germany. They became members of the Trinity Lutheran Church. Jacob operated a truck gardening business near his home on Nicholas Drive, Circleville, Ohio. Jacob and Margaret had two children: Lewis and Kate (Arnold). Jacob died on May 14, 1898, and Margaret on October 26, 1895.

The five children of LeOma and Ed Henn: Richard, Fred, Kenneth, Ann and Evelyn, taken August 5, 1942, in front of their home at 512 E. Main Street before all three brothers departed for duty in WWII.

Lewis Henn was born October 13, 1885, in Circleville and married Catherine Dunkle on March 1, 1881. Catherine was born in 1864 to Amos Dunkle and his wife Catherine Stouts, whose parents were Isaac Stout and his wife Mary Meckley of Stoutsville, Ohio. Lewis and Catherine Henn continued the truck produce business for thirty years. They had seven children: Cora, Wilson, George Edward, Marie, Amos Roy, Ethel, and Marvine. Wilson, Ed, and Roy operated the Henn Brothers Meat Market in Circlevilee on Main Street from 1924 to 1931. Lewis died July 3, 1925, and Catherine July 22, 1943.

Edward was born March 16, 1887, and married LeOma Greeno, who was born on September 30, 1886 to Amos Greeno and his wife, Ann Fausnaugh. Ed and LeOma had five children: Kenneth, Richard, Ann, Fred, and Evelyn. Their three sons served in the Army during WWII. Richard was killed in action in Holland. Ed died August 20, 1947, and LeOma April 14, 1981. They and the previous two generations are buried in Forest Cemetery in Circleville.

Kenneth was born May 29, 1913, and married Rosabelle Morris June 17, 1947. Rosie was born to Donald Morris and Jeanette Smallwood on April 8, 1922. Kenny and Rosie had two children: Kathy and Kenneth Edward Jr.. Kenny Sr. retired from the Lockbourne Air Base, Ohio and Rosie cooked at Kathy's Henn House Restaurant, Circleville, Ohio. Kenny died November 14, 1986, and Rosie died November 4, 1995. They are buried at Floral Hills Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Kenneth Jr. was born on his mother's birthday in 1950, and married Sandra Long on June 7, 1969. Both Ken and Sandy are retired Pickaway County teachers. Ken taught law enforcement at Pickaway Ross Career Center and Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Sandy taught at Washington Township Elementary, Pickaway County, for thirty years. She was born July 6, 1950, to Robert Carl Long and his wife Lavina Pugh. Lavina's parents were Elmer Pugh and his wife, Laura Miller, who are buried in Washington C.H., Ohio. Carl's parents, Martin Long

and his wife Lavisa Watts, were farmers in Ross County, Ohio. Martin and Lavisa are buried in Bourneville, Ohio. Martin was named for his great-great-great grandfather, Martin Dreisbach, who came from Raumland, Germany with his wife Anna Eva Hoffman in the 1700's to Union County, Pennsylvania.

Ken and Sandy have one son, Kenneth E. Henn III, who was born August 5, 1970. "Tres" married Andrea Lint on August 20, 1994. Andrea was born October 30, 1971, to James and Pamela Cupp Lint. Tres is an engineering geologist and Andrea is a teacher. They are expecting twins in 2005.

-Submitted by Sandra Long Henn

WALLACE WAYNE HIGGINS

Wallace W. Higgins came to Circleville in 1955 to teach history at the high school. Primarily of Scottish and Irish ancestry, his great-grandfather, Mitchell Higgins, was born in Kentucky before the Civil War. Mitchell's family moved to Alabama where they remained for many years. He and his wife, Martha Anne Victoria Baird, had three children, James Palmer (1875), Lon Tilden (1876) and Nora. Mitchell died young of tuberculosis.

Carol & Wally Higgins

In the 1890's, James and Lon left Alabama to seek new jobs and opportunities in the southern Ohio coal fields. In 1896, James married Mary Speirs and soon after, Lon married her sister, Esther. The parents of the girls, Matthew and Esther (Neil) Speirs, came from Scotland around 1870 and, after a couple of moves, settled in southern Perry County, Ohio – first at Shawnee and then at Hemlock. The Speirses, like the Higginses, were coal miners.

James and Mary Higgins had two sons, Vance Mitchell (1897-1956) and George Matthew (1902-1974). In 1929, George married Margaret Elizabeth Dillard (a.k.a. Young). She was the foster child of Thomas and Agnes Young, George's aunt and uncle.

George and Margaret had three sons, Wallace Wayne (1930), Dillard George (1940) and Vance Russell (1943). Although the Speirs-Higgins clan lived in Hemlock for three generations, during the Great Depression, with much unrest in the coal industry, George and his stepfather, William Milton Coster, went to St. Charles, Michigan, to find work. George and Margaret's first son, Wallace, was born there on August 7, 1930. In 1932, they returned to Hemlock and Wallace grew up there, attending grade school at old Central and high school at Shawnee.

From 1948 to 1953, Wallace attended Ohio University at Athens, earning a B.S.Ed. and an M.A. in history and government. From January 1953, to December 1954, he served with the 24th Infantry Division Reconnaissance Company in Korea, receiving a battle star and attaining the rank of corporal. After teaching art for half a year in the Chillicothe schools, he came to Circleville where he taught World History for 30 years.

He worked with David K. Webb on his famous folklore project for five years. He was a founding member of the Pickaway County Historical Society and was its third president. He served as a volunteer at the museum and has written extensively for the historical Quarterly.

He was also a founding member of the Roundtown Players and has performed in some 25 productions as well as working on makeup and sets for many shows.

In 1960, he married Carol Elaine Mitchell. They have two children, Kathleen Dawn (1962) and Mitchell John (1968).

He has been active in the MR/DD program serving on its board. For over forty years he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church. He authored its history, "Of Saints and Sessions."

Artist, poet and historian, he finds time for many community activities, such as Roundtown Conservancy.

-Submitted by Wallace Higgins

JOHN WESLEY HILDENBRAND & SCITHA LORAIN COZAD

We don't know a lot about the Hildenbrand ancestors but the Cozad family history dates back to 1662 when Jacques and his wife and two children came to America from Holland. From Jacques to Scitha Cozad, wife of John Hildenbrand, there were 8 generations.

John was born August 8, 1857 in Jackson County, Ohio. His parents were William and Ann Radcliff Hildenbrand.

Rose Minor & Earl Hildenbrand in back. Elizabeth & Don Hildenbrand in front.

John married Scitha Cozad on August 11, 1879. She was born near Allensville, Vinton County, Ohio on September 26, 1860. She was the daughter of Job and Charity Fry Cozad.

John died at his home in Pickaway County on February 23, 1940. Scitha continued to live in their home until the time of her death on January 17,1947.

They lived most of the married life in Ross County where their 13 children were born: Lillie May, Mary Alta, Bessie Lorain, Infant Daughter, Charity Mable, Daisy Alvoisa, Jesse Eyman, Pearl Esther, Earl, Harry Arnold, Helen Elizabeth, John Ray, Donald Roscoe.

The day they moved to Pickaway County was cold with snow on the roads. They had their furniture on a sled. Scitha packed their lunch and put it in a dresser drawer. It was frozen solid when they stopped to eat. They lived in Route 159 near Meade, Ohio.

Donald Roscoe Hildenbrand was the youngest of the 13 children. He was born September 10, 1900. He married Jenny Elizabeth Waple on December 27, 1930. They lived all their married life in Pickaway County. Donald was a bus driver for Pickaway Township School for many years. He ran a garage in Kingston, Ohio before the depression. He started farming in 1932. Elizabeth was a homemaker and a partner in the farming. They lived on the Lightner farm on Kingston Pike until he retired in 1986. He died September 25, 1987 and Elizabeth died January 22, 1989.

Donald and Elizabeth had three children. Margaret, their first child, was born in 1931 and died at the age of three. Earl Roscoe was born November 22, 1936. Rose Esther was born July 17, 1939.

Earl married Marcella Anderson on September 28, 1958. They had three sons – Chris Donald (November 2, 1961), Casey Earl (January 25, 1963) and Jason Scott (June 8, 1975).

Rose married Donald Minor June 16, 1957. They have two children – Donald Emerson Jr. (December 27, 1957) and Lucinda Kay (May 7, 1961).

Chris Hildenbrand is married to Sharon Murphy (December 27, 1980). They have two children, Christopher Dustin (January 3, 1982) and Mystique Dawn (August 3, 1982).

Casey Hildenbrand is married to Diane Enyart (September 22, 2002).

Jason Hidenbrand is married to Jodie Hagar (July 8, 2000). They have a daughter, Joanna Joy, born September 24, 2004.

Donald Minor Jr is married to Denise Wolfe (September 12, 1987). They have two sons – Aaron Emerson (April 27, 1988) and Chase Charles (November 15, 1990).

Lucinda Minor married Thomas Hartsock (December 1, 1984). They have a daughter, Mallory Rose (March 17, 1989).

Earl, Rose and all their families except Jason live in Pickaway County. Jason lives in Fairfield County.

There are many Hildenbrand cousins living in the Pickaway County area.

-Submitted by Earl R. Hildenbrand and Rose Minor

HILL FAMILY

David Hill was born in Ringgold, a small town in Pickaway County, to Chester Perrill Hill and Faye Delores Shellhammer. He married

Anna Sue Hamilton of Floyd County, Kentucky and to their union 2 sons were born: Shaun David Hill and Chris Perrill Hill. Shaun married Marylou Taylor Smith and has two sons, Nikolas Shaun and Hamilton Stone Hill. Chris married Misty Hicks and they have one daughter, Sabriah Hill. Shaun and Chris co-own an up-and-coming Landscape & Lawn Care Company and reside in Circleville with their families.

David & Sue Hill Family

David was retired from RCA and Anna "Sue" worked many years at Americare Nursing Home. They were collectors of antiques and loved family time.

Chester P. Hill, a well-known painter in this town, was the son of James Perrill and Angie Leach Hill. His wife, Faye, was the daughter of Virtie and Delores Marburger Shellhammer. She was retired from the Walnut Elementary School Cafeteria. Their children were: Barbara (Irlan Ritchie); Richard Rolland (Patricia Peters); Robert Hill; Chester "Chet" or "Pedro" (Teresa Reagan and Connie); David Eugene (Anna Sue Hamilton); Ronald (Linda); Gerald (Linda Fayers); Stephen (Johnette Christy); and Jeffrey Hill.

James Perrill Hill (son of William Corwin and Minerva Gulick Hill) married Angie Leach (daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Hannawalt Leach). Their children were: Alice (Friedly and Edward Schundelmeier); Chester P. (Delores Faye Shellmanner); Doris Louise (Theodore Blackwell); Marvin "Spike" (Mary Pitt); Herbert Clark; Eldon "Tink", founder of "Tink's" Restaurant (Jean Harper); Mildred "Jimmie" (Harold Shaner); Infant boy (stillborn); Vonna Jean "Bubbles" (Tom Holliday and Doyle Calvert); and Jo Anne Hill (died in infancy).

The Hill family came to Pickaway County via Virginia, but are originally from England. There have been many brave soldiers in wars dating back to the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Some wonderful family talents are passed down through the generations such as: hunting, painting, carpentry, decorating and bravery (soldiers). Any further information on this family can be found through Marylou Hill at queenbasket@aol.com.

-Submitted by Shaun David Hill

WILLIAM HILL FAMILY

William Hill was born in Scioto Township, Pickaway County on January 10, 1832, the son of Joshua Hill, Sr. (1796-1872) who migrated from Maryland and Hannah Cristeen Cramer (1797-1872), a native of New Jersey, and were married August 16, 1821 in Pickaway County. The family resided in Harrison Township in 1830 and located in Scioto Township shortly thereafter. Other children of Joshua Hill, Sr. were Alexine, Nancy, Hiram, Malinda, Joseph and Joshua, Jr.. Joshua, Sr. was the son of Levin Hill and Sally Derrickson.

William Hill married Anna Marie Gochenour (1839-1914), August 4, 1860, the daughter of Henry Gochenour (1812-1862) and Rebecca Smith (1816-1853). Together they raised 14 children in a log cabin on a 102-acre farm at the corner of Graham and Hudson Roads in Scioto Township. The children and grandchildren of William and Anna Marie were blessed with longevity as a large number lived into their 80's and 90's. William Hill died March 2, 1890 in Scioto Township.

The eldest of Williams's children, Henry (1861-1944) married Sarah Ellen Brown (1864-1925) on February 4, 1885. With the exception of two years when they moved to Messmore Road in Scioto Township, they lived their entire lives in Muhlenberg Township, Pickaway County, where Henry farmed with his father-in-law Samuel E. Brown on Carpenter Road. He pursued some blacksmithing and carpentry work also. Henry built the home ca. 1894 which still remains on the 14 acres acquired from his father-in-laws' land. Henry and Sarah had 3 daughters, Florence (1888-1896), Georgia (James W.) Hott (1899-1997) and Elizabeth (1900-1989) who married F. Lee Downs on December 25, 1929. Henry also served on the Board of Education for Muhlenberg Township.

Anna Marie (Gochenour) & William Hill. Scioto Twp.

Other children of William Hill's were: Joshua (1862-1927) married Lydia Beavers, 2/11/83; William (1863-1946) married Jennie Birkhead, 2/16/87; Joseph (1864-1943) married Emma Yoakum, 2/16/88; John (1866-1956) married Rhetta Birkhead, 8/11/92; Charles (1867-1892) married Anna J. Dechert, 11/5/91; Irwin (1868-1927) married Emma McGuire, 1/25/93; Isaac (1869-1950) married 1. Callie Johnson, 12/27/89, 2. Perlene Lyle Post, 8/7/1920; Mary Elizabeth (1870-1892) unmarried; Milton (1872-1915) married Nettie (England?); Samuel (1874-1968) married 1. Ella Johnson, 2. Frances (?); Alfred (1876-1952) married 1. Elta Lambert 2. Elizabeth (?), 3. Leva Oney; Rebecca (Wesley) Turner (1878-1957) and Wesley (1881-1967) who married Bertha Akire. Wesley's son, Charles (1903-1981) was owner of Hill Distributing Company in Columbus, Ohio and founding owner of Scioto Downs race track on State Route 23 south of Columbus. All of William Hill's children resided in Central Ohio.

The children of William Hill played musical instruments – trumpet, piano, violin, bass violin, and other stringed instruments. Members of both families of Hills and Gochenours played music for dances around Harrisburg, Ohio and Commercial Point, Ohio area. The Hill and Gochenour reunions are remembered with good "fiddle" music for the afternoon's entertainment.

Much of the material for William Hill's family was copied from the Hill family Bible and contributed by Grace Howland, daughter of Isaac Hill.

-Submitted by Mary Ellen Downs

WILLIAM G. HILL FAMILY

William G. and Kathryn A. Hill moved to Pickaway County from Akron, Ohio on December 21, 1972 to serve as the ninth pastor of the local Church of the Nazarene, where he served until 1989.

William was born near Ponca City, Oklahoma where his father worked in the oil fields of that area. However, the Hill family left there in the spring of 1929 and relocated to a farm in Washington County, Ohio, where William grew to adulthood with his parents and three brothers.

Kathryn Johnson Hill was born and raised in Parkersburg, West Virginia, where her father was employed by the U.S. Postal Services. It was there that she began studying music and as a senior in a high school class of nearly 600, composed the words and music for the class song.

William G. & Kathryn Hill and son William. 1974.

William and Kathryn were married on June 13, 1948 and are the parents of two sons, Robert of Columbus, and William who lives in Circleville with his wife, the former Diane Smith. They have two grandsons, Austin and Anthony Hill.

William is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville, Tennessee, and Kathryn is a graduate of Capital University, and taught music in the Logan Elm School District from 1974 to 1981. William has served as a Nazarene minister since 1950, retiring in 1989, and at that time, decided to call Circleville our permanent home.

-Submitted by Rev. William Hill

CLARENCE ROBERT HINES FAMILY

Descended from Jacob Hines, who immigrated to Ross County, Ohio around 1800, Clarence Robert Hines was born 2 March 1893 in Kingston, Ross County, son of Ellen Bethel and

Ulysses Grant Hines. Having served stateside during World War I, Clarence Robert married Maud Elizabeth Logsdon 20 April 1921 at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church in Lockbourne, Ohio. (Maud Elizabeth was born 28 December 1899 in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Musselman and Calvin Hathway Logsdon, and died 22 December 1968). They had three children, Mary Ellen, Orlan Lee, and Madge Elizabeth. Clarence Robert died 12 May 1938 at his home in Scioto Township, Pickaway County. Both ar buried in Fernwood Cemetery in Lockbourne.

Orlan Lee, born 20 January 1922 in Duvall, Ohio, married Iona Lucille Wollam (born 17 February 1919 in Jerome, Union County, Ohio, the daughter of Edith Marie Conroy and John Alston Wollam of Plain City, Ohio), 5 June 1948 in Plain City, Madison County and had three sons, all born in Columbus, Ohio; Robert Lee (born 2 June 1951, married Diane Kay Francis, and had two children, Lauren Elizabeth and Jay Francis, living in Upper Arlington, Ohio in 2005); John Len (born 10 June 1953 and married Renee Jo Massey and had one son, David, living in Roanoke, Virginia in 2005); and William Lon (born 11 March 1956 and married Margaret Ellen Sondey and had two children, Evangeline Marie and Jacob Lee, living in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico in 2005). Orlan died 21 October in Columbus and Iona died 8 October 1991. Both are buried in Harrison Township Cemetery, South Bloomfield, Ohio

Madge Elizabeth, born 5 November 1931 in Franklin County, Ohio, married John Albert Triance, the son of John and Ruth Mathias Triance, at St. Mathews Lutheran Church in Lockbourne 14 October 1950. John and Madge Hines Triance had two children, both born in Columbus;: Sally Lynn (born 6 August 1951, married Luther Edward Hafey and lived in Ashville, Ohio in 2005 and had two children (Robin Lynn and Matthew Owen) and Timothy John (born 19 June 1955, married April Egbert of Ashville who died 17 February 1989. Their daughter, Lisa Marie Egbert, was born and died 3 February 1989. Tim later married Barb Rose and lived in Grove City, Ohio as of 2005.)

Robin Lynn Hafey, born 15 January 1977, married Rich Leigh and had one child, Ryan James and lived in Ashville in 2005. Matthew Hafey, born 16 December 1973, married Jamie Robbins and has one child, Elizabeth Karen and lived in Ashville in 2005.

Mary Ellen, born 11 March 1927 in Duvall, Madison Township, married William David Hinkle of Ashville (born 12 December 1927 in Sandusky, Ohio) 25 March 1951 at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church in Lockbourne, and had four children, all born in Columbus: William David, Jr. (born 30 August 1956, married Narda Palmer and lived in Ashville in 2005); Glenn Millar (born 15 March 1958, married Jeri Lu Voss Collins and had three children (Amy Jo, Charles Samuel, and Curtis Matthew) and lived in West Liberty, Ohio in 2005), and twins Mary Elizabeth (living in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2005) and Kay Marie (born 14 June 1962, married Rolando Escamilla and had two children, Patricia Nora and Christina and living in Ashville in 2005).

-Submitted by Clarence Robert Hines

HARLEY HINES FAMILY

Jacob Hines, Sr. (1792-1843) came to Pickaway County from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania about 1810. In Pennsylvania the family spelled the name "Hyne". In time the "y" was changed to "i" and an "s" was added to the end. Jacob's father is identified as Henry Hines (Hyne), Sr., but beyond that little is known of the lineage.

The Hines family at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ashville, 20 May, 1951. Recogition of Harley Hines' 50 years of service as Sunday School teacher. Front row: Larry Hines, Bob Hines, Charles Hines, Louise Hines. Back row: Abbie Hines, Harley Hines, Harold Hines.

In 1810, Jacob's future wife, Esther Spangler (1800-1887), also came to Ohio, together with her father, mother, and siblings. Esther was just ten years old. The family had previously lived in Berks County, Pennsylvania. They settled in Washington Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. In contrast to the Hines genealogy, the Spangler lineage can be traced back through Esther's grandfather, Captain John Peter Spangler, who served in the Revolutionary Wary, to a twelfth century George Spengler, who lived in Bavaria.

Jacob Hines and Esther Spangler were married in 1816, after which they lived for several years near Tarlton, Ohio. In 1831 they moved to a farm in Madison Township, Pickaway County, on the west side of Winchester Road, at the west end of Marcy Road. This homestead was recognized as the Hines farm for more than seventy-five years. Jacob's son, Enoch, sold the farm to C.B. Teegardin in 1908.

Another of Jacob's sons, Jacob Hines, Jr. (1820-1898), also farmed in northern Pickaway County. Born in 1820, he wed Mary Miller (1827-1907) in 1847 and at some point acquired a parcel of land on Winchester Road in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, about a mile south of the old home farm. He eventually divided this parcel between his two sons, Francis Jerome Hines (1848-1929) and Joseph Benton Hines (1851-1933).

Francis Jerome married Amelia Snyder (1852-1937) in 1874, and to this union were born four sons and two daughters. Son Harley Clayton (1883-1971) carried on the family farming operation.

Harley married Abbie Warner (1886-1973) in 1909. They had one son, Harold Clayton (1910-1999). In time Harold farmed with his father, and together they developed a premier dairy enterprise. For many years they produced, processed, and sold Jersey Creamline Milk, including the operation of a home delivery service. Harley was active in county agricultural organizations and especially devoted to teaching and leadership at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ashville, Ohio. He served as an adult Sunday School teacher there for more than fifty years and as Sunday School superintendent for much of that time.

Harold married Louise Hay (1910-1992) in 1935. They had three sons, Harold Charles (1937-), Lawrence Edward (1939-), and Robert Lee (1946-). In addition to farming and teaching an adult Sunday School class for most of his life, Harold also served on the Walnut Township, Pickaway County, and Teays Valley school boards for many years.

After being in the family for more than 120 years, the Hines home farm was sold out of the family in the early 1970's.

Thanks to D.L. Hines, Sr., for much of the genealogical research.

-Submitted by H. Charles Hines

JONATHAN & MARY HOAGLAND FAMILY

Jonathan Hoagland (1808-1875) was a pioneer wagon-maker in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He was born in Lycoming County, on the home farm on the Susquehanna River near Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the son of Amos and Hannah Hoagland. The Hoaglands survived Indian attacks at the beginning of the Revolutionary War and were descended from original Dutch families of New Amsterdam (New York City) and Ft. Orange (Albany, NY) who migrated through New Jersey into Pennsylvania, where they became Quakers in the mid-1700's. Jonathan was an 8th generation American.

In the 1830's the completion of the turnpike westward across Pickaway County to Cincinnati, Ohio brought new trade to the creek-side Village of Williamsport, Ohio which had long established grist and sawmills. Williamsport, surrounded by oak barrens and grain fields, was an attractive settlement for a Pennsylvania wagon-maker.

In 1832 Jonathan Hoagland married Mary G. Johnson (1812-1880), the daughter of Robert and Hetty (McGath) Johnson. Robert Johnson (1774-1875) was a pioneer farmer of Deercreek Township, Pickaway County, who owned the Virginia Military Survey immediately northeast of Williamsport. A native of Snow Hill, Maryland, Robert Johnson's life spanned both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. He lived 101 years and is also remembered for walking to town at age 100 to vote. At his death he had 155 descendants, many in western Pickaway County. The Johnsons and Hoaglands are buried in the Johnson Cemetery (aka Hunsicker farm) east of Williamsport. They were members of the

Christian Church founded about 1800 and, with the McGath's part of the New Light Presbyterian settlement in Williamsport that arrived from near Lexington, Kentucky.

Jonathan and Mary Hoagland owned the small farm north of Cox Road, being a part of the Johnson tract. Mary was known in the community for predicting corn yields after the spring plowing based on the condition of numerous arrowheads revealed in the soil. Special attention was given to the Woodland Farm north of town where there had been numerous scattered Indian settlements. (Perhaps there was a correlation with the depth of plowing and the arrowhead count?)

Jonathan and Mary Hoagland were the parents of eight children: Robert L. (1833-1916) who attended Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; Andrew Jackson (1835-1913) Civil War Veteran 114th Co.K.: Mary Jane (1837-1919) wife of Andrew Fraker; Hester (1842-1865) wife of Steven Duvall; James Monroe (1844-), Jonathan M. (1846-1848); Phoebe (1847-1848); Hannah Alice (1853-1880) a school teacher who married Marcus Bowsher, 1877.

-Submitted by J. Lowell Kanuff

HOFFMAN FAMILY

Henry Hoffman was born in Germany. He settled in Chillicothe, Ohio, and married Mary Schnose. He died in Madison County. After his death she moved to Columbus, Ohio. Their son, Andrew, (1858-1922) was reared and educated in Chillicothe, Ohio. At age 21, his family, who were farmers, moved to Wayne Township where they raised corn and wheat, and cattle and hogs. The family moved again to Clark and Madison Counties. Then in 1900, the family returned to Pickaway County. Here in Wayne Township they purchased a 391 acre farm on State Route 22. A new barn was built. This barn was the county barn selected for the state Bicentennial logo (1803-2003). Andrew was on the board of education and a township trustee.

Andrew married Helen (Ella) Cute, born 1862-1947. They had five children: Florence, William Ambrose, John, Kathleen, and Anne.

Son, William (1886-1972) married Elizabeth (Cave) Moore (1894-1968), a widow of Thomas Moore, with three children: Mary Margaret (Sheldon) Mader, John P. (Mary Ann Sapp) and Sarah Catherine (Charles) Rettemnier. William and Elizabeth had five children: William Andrew (1928-), Ella Joan (1931-), Frances (1933-), Charlotte (1935-), Barbara (1937-). William farmed this 391 acres until 1947 at the death of his mother at which time it was sold to William and Harold Defenbaugh, which the heirs still own today in 2004.

In 1947, William and Elizabeth bought and moved their family to a 106 acre farm on State Route 104, first house north of Wayne Township School. William served on the board of education.

William, Jr., now owns the 106 acre farm and resides there and farms. He married Mary A. (Kline) and they have three children: William Andrew III (Norma), Jill Ann (Joseph) Gasper, and John D. (Deborah). Ella Joan (Joseph) Theado, married Joseph William on May 16, 1959, and have three children: Michael Joseph, born September 10, 1960; Kathryn Ann, born November 13, 1962; and Patricia Jo, born October 15, 1970 and is married to John P. Meyers and have two children: Elizabeth Mary, born June 18, 2001 and John William, born August 28, 2003.

Frances married Gerald Masengale, who is deceased. They have four children: Douglas, Steven, Sharon and James. Charlotte married Loren Paxton, who is deceased. They had three children: Linda, Mary Jo, and Beth. Barbara has never married.

-Submitted by Joan Hoffman Theado

LAWRENCE W. (BUD) HOFFMAN
MARVINE MAE BINKLEY HOFFMAN

Bud Hoffman was born February 16, 1908 in South Bloomfield, Ohio, the youngest of four sons born to Elmer and Susannah Wolford Hoffman. He worked as a carpenter, as did his father and brothers, until he went to work for John W. Eshelman & Sons in Circleville, Ohio, in the late 1930's. He married Marvine Binkley in April 1934 and bought a house in South Bloomfield, Ohio. About fifteen years later, he purchased four acres from a farmer on the outskirts of Circleville and built a new home for his family. In September 1950, he moved his wife, two sons, James and David, and daughter Ann Elizabeth to what is now North Court Street in Circleville. After retiring from Eshelman's in 1970, he went back to work part time as a carpenter. He died January 17, 1987.

Lawrence W. (Bud) Hoffman and Marine Mae Binkley Hoffman

2004, Don & Ann Miller with Kass (13), Kort (11) and Konner (4 1/2 mo.)

William Hoffman home. April 1959

Marvine Binkley was born February 3, 1912 at 444 East Union Street in Circleville. She was the second of seven children born to Harley and Leanna Thomas Binkley. A 1929 graduate of Circleville High School, she was awarded a pin for her outstanding typing skills. After graduation, she worked in the office of the Kippy Kit factory in Circleville, Ohio, for Lawrence Goeller until she married and moved to South Bloomfield. She continued to live in her house on North Court Street until her death on June 14, 1989.

-Submitted by Ann Miller

WILLIAM ANDREW HOFFMAN, JR. FAMILY

William Andrew Hoffman, Jr. and his wife Mary share a long family history in Pickaway County, dating back to 1879. As he was better known, "Bill" was born in Wayne Township, Pickaway County on November 23, 1928 and graduated from Circleville High School in 1946. In 1951-1953, Bill served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Most of his military time was spent in Bad Hersfeld, Germany serving with the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Battalion Tank Company.

Returning home to Circleville in 1953, he married Mary Kline, daughter of Stella and David Kline of Ross County. Mary is an avid antique collector and is well known for her baked goods and homemade noodles. She has played an integral role in managing the family's farming business throughout the years. Two of Mary's seven siblings, twin Martha (Peters) and older sister Matilda (Peck Thomas), still reside in Pickaway County today.

Bill has been a part of Wayne Township's agriculture history as a grain farmer since a young man and also operated a bank run gravel business as well. Bill takes special pride in over fifty years of membership with the Democratic Central Committee and is an active member of the Farm Bureau Association and the Ohio Corn and Soybean Associations. In addition he served as Township Clerk of Trustees for thirty-two years (1956-1987).

Bill and his family have been associated with St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Circleville for many years, as were Bill's father and grandfather before them. Several members of the Hoffman family are buried in St. Joseph's cemetery, Section A, Lots 91, 95, and 96.

The William Andrew Hoffman, Jr., Family. June 2003

The Hoffman families have instilled the value of a quality education in each generation. True to this value, each of Bill and Mary's children hold at least one college degree, the first for each being from Purdue University.

Their oldest son, William Andrew, III (b. 1954) and wife Norma (Sims) Hoffman (m.1982) have three children and live in Pepper Pike, Ohio. Their son, William Andrew, IV (b. 1985) is a freshman at Duke University. His sisters, Holly Sims Hoffman (b. 1987) and Keeley Sims Hoffman (b. 1989), are students at Hathaway Brown in Cleveland.

Bill and Mary's daughter, Jill (Hoffman) Gasper (b. 1955), and her husband Joe (m. 1984) currently reside in Dublin, Ohio.

The youngest of their three children, John David (b. 1958), married Deborah (Butler) in 1983. They have two daughters, Kelsey Paige (b. 1986), a freshman at Vanderbilt University, and Brooke Elizabeth (b. 1990), a student at Circleville High School.

Bill's family history in Ohio began with Henry Hoffman, born in Germany, who later settled in Chillicothe, Ohio with his wife Mary Shnose. Their son, Andrew (b. April 6, 1858), married Helen "Ella" Cute (b. 1862-1947), daughter of Patrick and Katherine Cute of Pickaway County. Andrew and Ella had five children: Florence, William Ambrose, John, Kathleen and Anna. The Hoffman family rented ground in Wayne Township where they raised livestock and field crops, eventually moving to Madison and then Clark Counties. In 1900, Andrew and Ella returned to Pickaway County and purchased a 391 acre farm on US Route 22, the same property that his family had rented years before. The residence, barn and further family history are mentioned in a 1906 edition of Pickaway County History and Biography by Hon. Aaron R. VanCleaf and also in The Historian Magazine (Vol. 2, Edition 82, p.27). The barn is also pictured in Bicentennial Barns of Ohio by Christina Wilkinson (2003, Rosewood Press, pp.248-9). Andrew was elected to the Wayne Township Board of Education in 1904. In 1922, Andrew died and Ella moved to Circleville. Their son, William Ambrose (b.1886) continued to live on the farm and in 1928 married Elizabeth (Cave Moore, b. 1893-1968). Elizabeth was a widow with three children, Mary Margaret (b. 1914), John Patrick (b. 1916), and Sara Catherine (b. 1918). William and Elizabeth had five children: Bill Jr., Ella Joan (b.1931), Frances (b.1933), Charlotte (b.1935) and Barbara (b.1937). William Ambrose, his wife, and his parents are pictured in A Gallery of Pickaway Ancestors (pp.47, 61, 65, 76) published by the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Society.

In 1947, Bill's grandmother Ella died and the farm was sold to the brothers William and Harold Defenbaugh. At that time, William and Elizabeth, purchased a 106 acre farm from the Echard family with a red brick house dating back to the 1860's on State Route 104, just north of the old Wayne Township School. The landmark brick home traces it's history through the Downing, Allen, Anderson and Fleming families. This property has come to be known to the Hoffmans simply as "The Farm" and has served as the setting for Hoffman family gatherings ever since. When William died in 1972, Bill Jr. and Mary purchased the family farm and still live there today. Until that time Bill Jr. and Mary raised their three children in "the white house up the road" where their son, John David, now resides with his family.

-Submitted by Jill Hoffman Gasper

THOMAS HOLLAND FAMILY

Thomas Holland was born in Virginia, July 4, 1822. Before 1830, his family moved into Washington County, Ohio and then into Morgan County, Ohio. He married Caroline M. Giffin (3-5-1826 – 6-15-1907) in Guernsey County, Ohio on March 13, 1845. They had eleven children.

1. James William, born 6-23-1846 Guernsey County, Ohio, died after 1850 Guernsey County, Ohio.
2. **George Lemuel**, born 7-7-1848, Guernsey County, Ohio.
3. Nancy Ann, born 3-8-1851, Guernsey County, Ohio.
4. Sarah Catherine, born 4-15-1853, Guernsey County, Ohio.
5. John Thomas, born 6-7-1856, Vinton County, Ohio.
6. Welcome Francis, born 2-2-1859, Vinton County, Ohio.
7. Marinda Alice, born 9-9-1862, Vinton County, Ohio.
8. Emily Jane, born 9-14-1864, Vinton County, Ohio.
9. Maria Serepta, born 1-24-1870, Vinton County, Ohio.
10. Watson Pierce, born 1-24-1870, Vinton County, Ohio.

Caroline M. Holland

Thomas Holland

Thomas lived in Circleville a very brief time. He died in Circleville January 11, 1901. Thomas and Caroline are both buried at Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Vinton County, Ohio. He had preached at the Chestnut Grove Church for a number of years.

George Lemuel Holland married Mary Elizabeth Miskell April 20, 1871, in Perry County, Ohio. George worked for the railroad in Circleville, Ohio where he was struck and killed by a train in a heavy snowstorm December 19, 1904. Mary died in Circleville, Ohio August 16, 1956. Both are buried at Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. Four children were born to this marriage:

1. Sarah Matilda, born 7-8-1872, Vinton County, Ohio.
2. Thomas Frederick, born 6-19-1875, Vinton County, Ohio.
3. Francis Edward, born 11-24-1877, Vinton County, Ohio.
4. **Charles Wesley**, born 3-10-1880, Vinton County, Ohio.

Mary E. Miskell Holland married William Ayers March 19, 1909 in Circleville, Ohio. They had no children.

Charles Wesley Holland married Eva Thomas February 21, 1903 in Circleville, Ohiio. He worked in a local broom factory. Charles Wesley died September 21, 1972 and Eva died February 17, 1967. Both are buried at Hitler Ludwig Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. They had eleven children:

1. William Arthur, born 3-29-1904, Circleville, Ohio.
2. Genevieve, born 5-19-1905, Circleville, Ohio.
3. Thomas Wesley, born 8-30-1906, Circleville, Ohio.
4. Thelma Ellen, born 6-1-1908, Circleville, Ohio.
5. Charles Irvin, born 3-25-1913, Circleville, Ohio
6. **Evelyn Lucille**, born 6-14-1916, Circleville, Ohio.
7. Harold Albert, born 3-13-1918, Circleville, Ohio.
8. John Elliott, born 3-16-1920, Circleville, Ohio.
9. David Leroy, born 5-30-1924, Circleville, Ohio.
10. Joseph, born/died 9-2-1926, Circleville, Ohio.
11. Martha Magdeline, born 8-19-1927, Circleville, Ohio.

Evelyn Lucille Holland married Vernon McCoy Lowery February 10, 1934 at Circleville, Ohio. Evelyn was a homemaker and Vernon was a machinist at the local Container Corporation. Evelyn Lucille died December 19, 1962 and Vernon died September 7, 1985. Both are buried at Hitler Ludwig Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. They had six children:

1. Eva Mae, born 7-31-1935, Circleville, Ohio.
2. Evangeline Katherine, born 7-12-1936, Circleville, Ohio.
3. **Martha Jane**, born 8-8-1938, Circleville, Ohio.
4. Rosemary Ellen, born 5-21-1941, Circleville, Ohio.
5. Veronda Lee, born 6-23-1945, Circleville, Ohio.
6. Roberta Jo, born 4-29-1947, Circleville, Ohio.

Martha Jane Lowery, married Alvin C. York October 9, 1956 in Richmond, Indiana. She worked at the local G.E. plant for 38 years and Alvin owns his own agency as an independent insurance agent. They have two children:

1. **Sheryl Jo**, born 5-14-1958, Circleville, Ohio.

2. Alvin Douglas, born 11-22-1960, Circleville, Ohio.

Sheryl Jo York married Kevin Terry Lindsey June 2, 1977 in Ashville, Ohio. Sheryl works with her father as an independent insurance agent. Sheryl and Kevin have three children:

1. Chad Michael, born 1-26-1983, Circleville, Ohio.
2. Matthew Thomas, born 12-29-1985, Circleville, Ohio.
3. Nicole Elizabeth, born 11-25-1987, Circleville, Ohio.

Alvin Douglas York never married.

-Submitted by Martha J. York

WAYNE A. HOOVER

Wayne Alexander Hoover was born in Jackson Township of Pickaway County on November 7, 1878. He was the son of Calvin Hoover and Sara Jane Allen Hoover, along with brothers F. Marion Hoover, Christopher C. Hoover, and sisters Elizabeth (Hoover) Nance, and Ethel (Hoover) Fee. Over the course of his long and productive life, Wayne came to be known by friends and family alike as a man of God, a wonderful family man, a dedicated public servant, a hard-working farmer, and a joyful humorist. He was a true "man of the people".

In the course of Wayne's early education in Jackson Township, it became very evident that he had a gift for mathematics. This gift led to one of his early jobs, as a bookkeeper for a local landowner. His great ability to work with numbers eventually led to nearly forty-five years of service as a public sale clerk.

Wayne Hoover

In 1900, Wayne served as an agent for Standard Specialty Company, of Salem, Ohio, selling a Riveting Machine. In this same period of time, Wayne also sold subscriptions for Hearthstone.

The most significant event in Wayne's life occurred on January 19, 1902, when he married Susie Minnie Florence Fausnaugh. Susie soon gave birth to twin daughters, Marvine and Maxine, and later gave birth to a third daughter, Mary. Wayne and Susie raised their daughters in an environment built upon strong values and an appreciation of the value of hard work, which would serve the girls well throughout their own lives.

Wayne began a long history of public service at the age of twenty-five in 1903, by being elected Constable in Jackson Township. In 1905, Wayne was elected Clerk of Jackson Township, and also served as the Clerk of the Jackson Township Board of Education. Wayne's next public service position began in 1912, when he was named Jackson Township Assessor.

In 1928, Wayne was elected to the Pickaway County Board of Education, while still serving as Clerk and Treasurer of Jackson Township. He remained on the County Board for eleven years. Wayne was an ardent supporter of a "book truck for rural schools", which eventually became known as the "Bookmobile". In 1932, Wayne became President of the Board, serving along with fellow officer C.E. Meyers (Vice President), from Stoutsville, and board members W.H. Barch, from Duvall, C.E. Dick, from Mount Sterling, and B.W. Young, from Circleville. D.L. Buchanan served as the Superintendent of County Schools. Wayne also served as a Central Committee Representative from Jackson Township, North Precinct, from 1930 to 1932.

Wayne was perhaps best known for his service as Pickaway County Commissioner, from 1940 until his term expired in 1949. He believed that elected officials were truly public servants, and came to be widely admired for his willingness to work through his elected office to help others. The following words from Wayne provide a glimpse into his beliefs about public service: "In my years of public life, I have learned two important lessons. First of all, home (township) rule is a good thing, for it helps to keep the county government on it's toes, and second, the "little" offices are very important".

After his final term as County Commissioner, Wayne focused even more of his energy on his family and other interests, including membership in the Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Brotherhood in Circleville. He had also been a long-time member of B.P.O. Elks Lodge, No. 77, and continued his involvement in the lodge.

Wayne and Susie took great pride in the fact that their three daughters, twins Marvine and Maxine, and also Mary, started families of their own, in addition to continuing the family tradition of public service and hard work.

Marvine married Marvin Henry Rhoades, and blessed Wayne and Susie with grandchildren Vera Jane (Rhoades) Steinhauser (Charles H.), Wayne Henry Rhoades (Coralee(Huffer) Rhoades), and Marvin Marion Rhoades (Sue (Anderson) Rhoades). Charles and Vera Jane had four children: Suzanne (Steinhauser) Souers, Charles B. Steinhauser, Karen (Kelly) Steinhauser, and Elaine (Steinhauser) Johnston. Wayne and Coralee had four children: Michael A. Rhoades, Vicki L. (Rhoades) Mountain, Wayne H. Rhoades, and Kathryn D. (Rhoades) Reeser. Marvin Marion and Sue had four children: Jon F. Rhoades, James M. Rhoades, Joseph M. Rhoades, and Joy (Rhoades) Hoovermill.

Maxine married Scott Radcliff, and also blessed Wayne and Susie with grandchildren: Verna Jean (Radcliff) Holbrook (Glenn), and Sue Ann (Radcliff) Keller (Bob). Glenn and Verna Jean had three children: Jody (Holbrook) Combs, Glenna (Holbrook) Schlichter, and Scott Holbrook. Sue and Bob had three children: Kerry Keller, Krista (Keller) Willis, and Kara (Keller) Tinkler. After Scott passed away, Maxine eventually remarried to Coyt Wilson.

Mary married Leewood Bushee, and also blessed Wayne and Susie with granddaughter Sharon Lee Bushee. Sharon had two children, Charles and Lesa Crites.

Marvine continued the family tradition of public service by holding numerous public offices. She was the clerk of the Jackson Township Schools Board of Education and a member of the Board 1937 through 1957. Marvine also served as the Pickaway County Auditor from 1958, until retiring in 1974, served as President of the Pickaway County Democrat Women's Club, and was a member of "Who's Who in Ohio".

On October 31, 1958, Marvine wrote an open letter to Pickaway County voters. A portion of that letter follows: "I am a Democrat, I was born of Democrat parents, and I am proud of my political beliefs, as you are of yours, but I am first of all an AMERICAN, and blessed with liberal ideals which make it possible for all of us here in America to make and have friends, regardless of whether he or she may be Republican or Democrat. It is your heritage and right to vote. Do not fail to do so, regardless of your political beliefs or choice of candidate".

The citizens of Pickaway County benefited greatly by the loyal support provided to Marvine by her twin sister, Maxine, who served as Deputy Auditor of Pickaway County for over twenty years. Maxine's extensive knowledge of the daily operations in the Auditor's office was widely known, and broadly admired. Maxine continued to serve in the Auditor's Office after Marvine retired. Maxine was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, an avid seamstress and 4-H advisor, and had served as President of the Parent/Teachers Association (PTA) of Jackson Township School. Maxine also continued the family tradition of serving as clerk of numerous public sales for many years.

Mary was an employee of the General Electric Plant in Circleville, for over twenty years. She was an avid outdoorswoman, with a special love of fishing and boating. Mary also had a particular love for social card games, especially Euchre. Mary also loved to engage in lively discussions with her sisters, a passion shared by each of them. Mary was an avid and gifted gardener, and was an active member of the Dahlia Society, with her husband Leewood, for many years.

The legacy of Wayne Hoover continues to this day, in the kindred spirit and public-mindedness of the succeeding generations of the extended Hoover family. Wayne passed away, at the age of 81, on October 23, 1960. The people of this community benefited greatly by his having lived and served here, and they continue to benefit by the high standards that he set for future generations.

-Submitted by Vera Jane Steinhauser

HOSSFELD FAMILY

Grant Eric Hossfeld was born August 8, 1971, in Franklin County, Ohio, the son of Gerald and

Vicky Hossfeld of Columbus, Ohio. His father was born in Horton, Kansas, and his mother was born in Columbus, Ohio. Grant grew up in the Southern Pines, Columbus, and graduated from Marion Franklin High School in 1989. He moved to Pickaway County in 1996. He married Roberta (Robin) Leigh Glick Emerine on February 28, 1998, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Robin was

Hossfeld Family, L-R: Brittany Rose Emerine, Robin Hossfeld, Jeremy Hossfeld (in mom's arms), Grant Hossfield, Sr., Grant Hossfield, Jr., Caden Hossfeld (in dad's arms)

born September 17, 1962, in Franklin County, the daughter of Robert and Rose Mary Stewart Glick of Ashville, Ohio. Her father was born in Ashville, and her mother was born in Madison Township, Pickaway County. Robin grew up in Ashville, and graduated from Teays Valley High School in 1980. Grant's occupation is in the repair of welding equipment for the last 16 years. Robin's occupation is an Administrative Assistant for 24 years with the Ohio Industrial Commission located in Columbus, Ohio. They have four children: Brittany Rose Emerine, born July 8, 1989, Grant Eric Hossfeld II, born May 8, 1998, Caden Robert Hossfeld, born November 6, 2001, and Jeremy Stewart Hossfeld, born July 17, 2004. They reside at 12585 Lockbourne Eastern Road, Ashville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Brittany Emerine

GEORGE HOTT SR.& FAMILY

George Hott Sr., wife Magdalena (Shantz) Hott from Germany, settled with their family in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Shortly after his arrival in 1738, they lived until 1772 in the city burrough. He purchased a large farm in Whitehall section, in Frederick County, Virginia. He built a mansion at Whitehall. His son George took over the farm after his father died in 1797. They are both buried behind the mansion at Whitehall, Virginia.

Some early spelling of the name: Hatt, Hatts, Hatz, Hots, Holt, Hottz. The first tax records in Virginia shows Hatt, but after 1785 the standard spelling was Hott.

Although the family had a very humble beginning, descendants of George Hott have played prominent roles in the community including commissioners, sheriffs, lawyers, doctors, ministers, one college president, and a host of professors.

Henry Hott, Jr., son of Henry Hott, Sr., grandson of George Hott, Sr., married Mary Loy. In 1810 they moved with their large family to Walnut Township in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Tulpehocken Manor Inn & Plantation

Familiar descendant names in Pickaway County are: Keller, Adkins, Helwagen, Lytle, Beck, Walters, Wilson, Hoover, Wright, Eitel, Clark, Prindle, Huffer, Anderson, Rhoads, Cline, Riser, and numerous others.

Michael Loy was my fourth great grandfather. He built a stone house just up the hill from the spring house. There were eight rooms. Our first president, George Washington was a frequent guest throughout 1777-1794. Today they call it Tulpehocken Manor. The Manor has been transformed into a twenty-seven room Victorian Manor.

-Submitted by Mary Riser Eitel

HUBBARD FAMILY

John and Jacob HUBBARD migrated from Hampshire County, West Virginia, settling in Chillicothe, Ohio in 1798. John's son John and his grandson Pheldon opened a general store on Water Street. After the death of John Senior in 1804, the family is found in Pickaway County. John's grandson John HUBBARD gave land in Wayne Township for a Methodist church.

Franklin/Frank Hubbard & Emma Alice Brown Hubbard. c. 1892

Pheldon HUBBARD Sr. married Elizabeth STUTHARD and had 10 children, most of who lived and died in Pickaway County. He moved his family from eastern Madison County to Hardin County by 1840.

Fielding (Pheldon Jr.) returned to Pickaway County by 1850 and, of his generation, was the only child of Pheldon Sr. to stay in Pickaway County. Most of the descendants of the other children of John HUBBARD moved west to Piatt County, Illinois and Iowa. The Pickaway County HUBBARD line descends from Fielding HUBBARD.

Fielding married (1) Mary Jane LEE in Hardin County in 1847 (2) Elizabeth LOZIER in 1853 (these wives died soon after the birth of their first child, both girls). Fielding married (3) Mary GREEN (born in Iowa) while visiting with his brothers. Mary had 9 children: Franklin born in 1857 in Iowa; Mary Alice/Alice M. married John J. JOHNSON of Pickaway County, Lucy married Conrad ROESE of Pickaway County; Lincoln married Annie NEVINS of Pickaway County; Barney married Minnie HOOVER of Pickaway County; Charles married Ella May NICHOLSON of Pickaway County and a cousin of Minnie HOOVER; Flora married Samuel HARLOR, son of Augustus HARLOR of Pickaway County; and two children who died young.

Franklin, Fielding's first son and Mary's first child, is also known as Francis and Frank. He married (1) Nancy PETTIT, daughter of Eli PETTIT of Morgan County, Ohio. Aftr a divorce in 1892, Franklin's children went to live in Chillicothe with their mother and her new husband William SCOTT. Franklin and Nancy had 5 children: Catherine married (1) Andrew J. JOHNSTON (2) Felix BRATTIN of Chillicothe; Edna married William Franklin DENNIWITZ of Ross County, Blanche/Olive lost to history; Goldie married Carson GORDON of Ross County; and Clarence married Emma CORNELL of Licking County. Franklin married (2) Emma BROWN, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth MORRIS BROWN, and they moved to Columbus, Ohio. In their adulthood Franklin's children lived in Franklin or Ross County. The author of this genealogy is the granddaughter of Clarence and Emma HUBBARD.

The ancestors and descendants of Fielding HUBBARD were hard working people who coped with the problems of daily life that we still face today. They lived in Five Points, Williamsport, Commercial Point and Harrisburg until they moved to Columbus, Ohio. At one time all of the people in Pickaway County named HUBBARD were descendants of John Senior and there may still be a few today. All of the HUBBARD burials in Harrison Township Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio, are of this line. Some of the Pickaway County surnames associated with this family in addition to those mentioned are: RUTH, HARVEY, HELPHENSTINE, WARD, PROPST, BOWDLE, HORSEY, CRABB, MILLS, FUNSTON, HAFEY, LEITER, MACKEY, ASHER.

-Submitted by Carol A. Hubbard

URIAH HUMBLE FAMILY

Uriah Humble was born in Virginia, moved to Kentucky, then to Adams County, Ohio and finally to Madison County, Ohio where he died. Uriah built the first log court house at London, Ohio.

Uriah's son, Custer marrie Deborah (Creviston) Humble. Custer served in the Creole War and did not return. His son Elkanah was six years old, having been born September 20, 1826 in Clark County, Ohio. The mother and son lived in Delaware County, Ohio, two years, then Edwards Station, Franklin County, and later went to Lockbourne, Ohio, where Elkanah met

Rev. Joseph Creighton and his brother Samuel. The Humbles moved into the Creighton's Walnut Township home in 1840. At age 16, Eklanah lived with the Cydrus Hedges family and attended school. At 18 he united with the Hedges Chapel Church where he was a Sunday school teacher and a temperance advocate. He attended Ohio Wesley University, Delaware, Ohio and taught school for the following 15 years throughout Walnut, Harrison, and Madison Townships.

Elkanah married Rhoda Miller, daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Hedges) Miller, June 8, 1851. Rhoda gave birth to son, Albert on May 25, 1852. She died two weeks later. In 1854 Elkanah married Rhoda's sister, Catherine Miller. They had three sons: Gilbert, born December 14, 1855, Joseph, born November 28, 1856, and Frank, born February 16, 1859. In 1856 the Humbles built their Walnut Township home on Miller land inherited through Joash Miller that was given for Revolutionary War service. Elkanah continued to teach until 1864, then managed the 240 acre farm full-time. Catherine died in 1880.

Son Albert, an Ohio Wesley graduate, was a teacher and principal. He worked in Wilmington, Ohio; Texas; Colorado; and Oregon. Upon his return to Madison Township, he lived on his farm and then with his niece, Edna Coon, until his death November 28, 1938.

Joseph lived on the home farm into manhood, then went west, visited the Pacific Coast, and mined for gold in Victor, Montana, dying from injuries in 1896.

Frank was educated at the Lebanon, Ohio Normal School. He went to Colorado in 1886 and served six years as clerk and recorder of Montezuma County. Having large gold mine investments at Cripple Creek, he resided at Denver and was a world traveler, having gone around the world three times. Frank Humble died in California on December 7, 1948.

Gilbert married Lida Ann Brinker, daughter of Barnabas and Elizabeth (Knight) Brinker, on December 14, 1882, establishing their residence at the home of Gilbert's father. They had four children: an infant son that died at birth October 19, 1883; Frank Howard, born July 3, 1891 and died October 1, 1898; Edna May, born May 4, 1886; Algy Millard, born December 20, 1889 and died June 23, 1891. Gilbert served as clerk for Walnut Township. He was a Democrat and was a member of the Masonic Order at Lithopolis, Ohio. In 1907 Gilbert was one of the original members of The Citizens Bank of Ashville's board of directors. Gilbert died January 24, 1931. Lida, a valued member of Hedges Chapel United Methodist Church, Ashville, Ohio, since youth and church organist, died January 2, 1936.

On February 9, 1910, Edna Humble married James Arthur Coon, a strong Republican, establishing their residence with Edna's parents. Edna and Arthur had five children: Helen Irene, born June 10, 1912; George Humble, born January 15, 1914; Donald Gilbert, born January 31, 1915; Frank Emerson, born July 18, 1916; and Normagene, born 1926. Helen, Don, and Frank never married and resided at the family home all of their lives.

George Humble Coon married E. Burdell Stir. Their children are Mark and Ruth. George, like his father and grandfather, was a director of The Citizens Bank of Ashville, serving as president of the board. George, a prominent farmer, died January 20, 1980, and Burdell died December 12, 1995. There are six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Normagene Coon graduated from the Ohio State University with a degree in medical technology. She worked at Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio as a medical technologist. She married David George Cornwell March 14, 1959, and they live in Upper Arlington, Ohio. Their children are Karen and David. There are five grandchildren.

-Submitted by Lisa Coon

HUNTER'S GROCERY STORE

It looked like any other small town grocery store. From the outside it seemed inviting with its covered porch, single gas pump and white siding. Yet with all its simple charms, there was something special inside Hunter's Grocery Store. More than twenty years after it closed everyone still agrees on what made the store so special: it was the owners, Fred and Frances Hunter.

Fred and Frances married in 1934 and Fred followed his dream of owning a farm, but a grocery store and working side by side with his wife became his passion. Fred built a store front onto a new home on an empty lot next to his sister's home in the middle of Whisler on Hayesville Road in 1955. They opened Hunter's Grocery Store in April of 1956. They were open from 6 A.M. to 10 P.M. seven days a week with their busiest day on Friday. They sold the farm in 1957 and Fred joined Frances at the store with the women who came into gossip at the counter on barstools during the day and the farmers who came in the evening to watch television and tell tall tales. It was always a busy place full of people.

The grocery store sold a wide range of items. One of the best sellers came from an old glass front case full of penny candy. Everyone knew when a kid came in with ten cents to buy penny candy they left with twenty cents worth. They had an extensive meat and cheese counter with a colby cheese that all ages loved. Special orders could be made and were delivered on Fridays. They also carried things that were needed in a pinch like rat traps and tool sets. Occasionally Fred or Frances would be called after closing time and without a second thought would be there to provide anything that was needed.

Not only providing things from the store, they helped provide the abundance of community spirit that radiated throughout the town. They helped neighbors by offering a place to put a garden behind the store, and were always offering credit to those who were caught short on money before payday. They were counted on every time to collect money for flowers, supply a card for the town to sign for those who needed a congratulation or those who needed to know someone cared.

Frances continued on after Fred died in 1971 for ten years. She kept their passion for the store going as it kept the community together in a way that is hard to find today. Fred and Frances Hunter's contribution to the Pickaway County community will never be forgotten as they live on through stories of her great nephew who liked to roam the store stealing candy, those who made having a Pepsi at her counter a daily ritual, and others who remember their kindness, love for each other, and the way that Hunter's Grocery Store will always be a snapshot of Americana.

-Submitted by Stefani D. Rohr

JOHN HYATT (HIATT)

John Hiatt, who owned and operated a valuable farm of seventy-three acres in Saltcreek Township, in the vicinity of Tarlton, was one of the reliable, representative citizens of this section. He was born in Hocking County, Ohio February 19, 1839 and was the son of Ezra and Mary Poling Hyatt.

John Hiatt, Sara Hiatt and grandchildren Mildred & Helen Hiatt

In Hocking county the Hiatt family was a well-known one, having been settled there for several generations. The Paternal Grandmother of our subject was a very remarkable woman. She had been educated in Eastern Schools, was capable and became a brave pioneer woman in what was then the far west. Her memory and that of many events of her long life, which extended almost over a century, were preserved by the families of other old settlers of that county. They learned to know her value in the hardships and sometimes the tragedies which fell upon pioneer neighborhoods.

Until John was seventeen years old, he lived in Hocking County, where he obtained his education. He then came to Pickaway County and followed farming, until the outbreak of the Civil War. On July 17, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, 27 Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which became a part of the western Army, operating in Missouri. Subsequently on November 6, 1861, John was taken prisoner in Jackson County, Missouri. He was then released and returned to his regiment, where he was mustered out and forced to take the oath of allegiance. He then returned to Pickaway County where he engaged in farming on the John Boggs farm in Pickaway County.

On December 25, 1865, Mr. Hiatt married Sarah Call, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. To this union was born five children, Charles De., William P., Of Saltcreek Township, Alva C., and Harley G. who owned and operated the Hyatt Brothers Mercantile firm in Amanda, Ohio and one daughter Della, wife of Charles Kreider, a well known educator.

In the spring of 1865, John and Sarah moved to Hocking County, where John engaged in farming and stock raising for about eighteen years. In 1884 he returned to Pickaway County and resided in Saltcreek Township for the remainder of his days. In addition to his good farm, he had other real estate in the county and although an entirely self-made man, he was one of the substantial and successful ones of the section of this county.

John was a member of Groce Post G.A.R. at Circleville, where the memorable days of the Civil War were frequently recalled. In political sentiment he was a Republican. For many years he was a worth member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a Trustee and a class leader in that church at Tarlton, Ohio.

John has one great granddaughter living in Pickaway County, Addie (Wertman) Lockard; two great great grandchildren, Cynthia (Lockard) Cathel and Billy Lockard living in Circleville, and four great, great, great children in Pickaway County, Nathan Gloyd, and Justin, Joseph and Jillian Lockard.

-Submitted by Addie Lockard

HENRY IMLER

Henry Imler was the son of George Michael Imler, Jr. and Catherine Walter. He was also the great-grandson of Wilhelm Imler who emigraed from Bavaria, Germany in 1732. Henry's father, George Michael Imler, Jr., fought in the Revolutionary War with the York Militia, York County, Pennsylvania.

Henry Imler was born 1769 Bedford County, Pennsylvania and died at the age of 71 in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. In Pennsylvania in 1796 he married Elizabeth Saltsgaver. She was born in 1770, Bedford County, Pennsylvania and was the daughter of Jacob and Margaret Saltsgaver. Henry and Elizabeth had nine children. They were: Mary Catherine, born 1796, married William Betz and migrated to Iowa; Daniel, born 1798, fell from a horse at age 8 and died in 1806; Henry, Jr., born 1799, married Hannah Walter and migrated to Indiana; George B., born in 1801, married Sarah Betz and migrated to Seneca County, Ohio; Julian, born 1805, married Greenbury Thomas; Jacob, born 1808, married Elizabeth and migrated to Wyandot County, Ohio William Lewis, born 1810, married Maria Zehrung and migrated to Indiana; and Martin Michael, born 1814 and died in 1828. Henry and Elizabeth migrated to Ohio about 1802 and settled near Stringtown, Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio and established himself on a farm owned by his father. Elizabeth died in 1815 at age 42.

Henry returned to Bedford County, Pennsylvania and met Rachel Russell whose family were neighbors of his brother Peter, who lived on the home farm. He married her in 1816. She was the daughter of Henry Russell. That same year his father died and the Pickaway County farm became his through his father's estate. He then returned to the farm in Saltcreek Township and continued farming. He claimed his part of his father's estate, which was the farm in Stringtown, Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County.

Henry and Rachel had eleven children: Elizabeth, born 1817, married David Harman; Mary T., born 1819, married John R. Zehrung; Daniel, born 1820, married Elizabeth; Rosannah, born 1822, never married; Moses, born 1824, married Harriett Rockey; Ephraim, born 1826, married Malinda Bochart; Jeremiah, born 1828, married Mary Baum; Esther, born 1830, died shortly after birth; Hester, born 1831, married Peter Friece; Rachel, born 1833, married Levi Fraunfelter; David Russell, born 1836, married Hannah Eliza Dumond.

During his lifetime Henry farmed a large farm and donated land for a church, a school, and the Imler Cemetery, where he and most of his family are buried. Henry died in 1841 at age 71. Rachel continued the farm with her son Ephraim as the primary farmer. Hester and Rachel, along with David assisted in the effort. Henry's estate was settled in April 1845. Jeremiah, Hester, Rachel and David were listed as children of Henry. Adam Nye was executor and administrator of the will. After members of the family inherited portions of the estate, the remaining property was valued at $2,500 in 1850. It was quite a large farm. Rachel died in 1867 at the age of 75.

-Submitted by Cathy Mayberry

JEREMIAH IMLER

Jeremiah "Jerry" Imler was born 1828 in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He was the son of Henry Imler and Rachel Russell. He inherited money from his father upon his death in 1845 and purchased a farm in Pickaway Township near Kingston, Ohio. In 1849 he married Mary Baum who was born in 1830 in Ross County and was the daughter of Samuel Baum and Mary Holman.

Jeremiah and Mary had eleven children: Missouri born 1852, married John S. Wheeler; Daniel W., born 1854, married Laura Barnhart; John M., born 1857, married Emma Marinda Webster; Henry William, born 1858, married Cora Belle Greeno; Clara A., born 1861, married Jacob C. Rihl; Lincoln, born 1864, married Effie Belle Rooker; Jeremiah, born 1868 and died 1871; Laura, born 1869 and died 1871; Edward H., born 1871, married Cora S. Myton; and Florence, born 1875, married Henry Frank Webbe.

Jeremiah worked his farm, which was valued at $500 in the 1860 census. This could have been a sizable farm. In 1870 the value of the farm was placed at $400. This indicated that he might have experienced some difficulties of one type or another and was disposing of portions of his farm. In the 1880 Census he no longer owned a farm and had moved to Green Township, Ross County. In 1891, at age 63, he died in Yellowbud, Union Township, Ross County. His death was from consumption (tuberculosis) which is typically a slow and painful death. It is thought that his illness was the cause of his loss of the farm.

His daughter, Missouri, also died of consumption at the age of 44 in 1896. Additionally, in 1897 his son Edward H. died of consumption at the age of 25. It becomes more likely that his and his family's health were a factor in his losing the farm. At any rate, the family estate was diminished and while most descendants of Jeremiah's father maintained and flourished in financial success, the family of Jeremiah and his descendants were not blessed with financial success after and even before his death. His body was reportedly moved from Imler Cemetery in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, to Springbank Cemetery in Green Township, Ross County, perhaps because his wife was still living at that time and she had been born in Ross County.

Mary died in 1908 at the age of 78. Jeremiah, Mary and Edward H. were buried at Springbank Cemetery at Yellowbud, Ohio.

-Submitted by Paul Mayberry

IRWIN

Edwin W. Irwin (1905-1997) and Delight Ladd Irwin (1903-1991) were born in Highland County, Ohio, and moved to Ashville, Ohio in 1925. Edwin graduated from Wilmington College and Miami (Ohio) University, and Delight graduated from Ohio University. Edwin taught two years at this hometown of East Monroe, Ohio before relocating to Ashville where he taught and was Principal at Ashville Elementary School for 43 years. He became an insurance agent for the Farm Bureau in 1935 and subsequently founded and was President of the Irwin Insurance Agency, Inc., until 1990. He was also a truck farmer and helped in the development of hybrid seed corn in the 1940's. Delight taught at her hometown of Leesburg, Ohio, and resumed teaching at Ashville in 1941 until her retirement.

They had three children: Helen Edwina Cookson (1926-1991) who graduated from Capital University and was head of the Commercial Departments at Walnut High School and Teays Valley High School. John Edwin (1928-1983) graduated from Capital University and The Ohio State University and taught at Pickaway Township High School, Marion Franklin High School, Coral Gables (FL) High School and Miami University (Florida). James Everett (1929-) graduated from The Ohio State University in 1951 and retired as Corporate Tax Manager for the Columbia Gas System Distribution Companies in 1991. James also served as Clerk of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, for 40 years, retiring in 2004.

James and Virginia Owens Irwin (1930-1990) had four daughters: Deborah A. Hulse (1954 -), Jo Ellen Irwin (1957 -), Donna Jean Irwin (1958-1987), and Teresa Bowser-Irwin (1959 -), and three grandchildren.

-Submitted by James E. Irwin

JOHN COOK IRWIN

JOHN COOK IRWIN was born in 1805 in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He married Sophia Bear and they had three children: Edward Matthew, Alexander, and Mary Elizabeth. It is presumed died in childbirth. In 1842 in Bloomington, now Muscatine, Iowa, John Cook Irwin married MARY PRENTICE, who was born September 26, 1818, Hockingport, Athens County, Ohio, daughter of STANTON PRENTICE III and Susannah Brookhart. In 1839 Mary's father purchased a large tract of land along the Mississippi River in the future Eliza Township, Mercer County, Illinois, across the river from Muscatine. John Cook and Mary had one child, WASHINGTON IRWIN.

In September 1848, John Cook Irwin married NANCY DAUGHERTY THOMPSON, who had three children by a previous marriage: Edward M., Isabel, and Martha J. Together they had three daughters: Alice M., Anna, and Mary Ellen. Apparently Nancy's mother, MARY DAUGHTERTY owned a large tract of land in Wayne Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and they moved back to Pickaway County in 1855. Washington Irwin was twelve years old.

In the summer of 1861, under the first call of President Abraham Lincoln, the 1st Regiment Ohio Volunteer Cavalry was organized. "It being the first organization of its class raised in the State, there was at once manifested a great anxiety to join its ranks…it may well be doubted whether a more noble band of men in physical development could possibly have been selected from the yeomanry of Ohio."

Washington Irwin enlisted in Company E, First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, in August 1861 for a term of three years and mustered out at the expiration of his service in October 1864. "Under the leadership of Stanley, Crook, Mitchel, McCook, Kilpatrick, Garrard, Long, Minty and Wilson, this cavalry achieved triumphs for the country and fame for themselves. The magnitude of such conflicts as Pittsburg Landing, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, and Atlanta, mostly fought by other arms of the service, equally brave, but not superior, have so occupied the public mind that the achievements of the cavalry -- its fearless rides, its daring raids, its bloody charges, its long nights of weary marching, as it carried desolation and destruction into the very heart of treason – have been almost overlooked."

In September 1862, John Cook Irwin, Washington Irwin's father, enlisted in the 114th Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry for three years' service. He was 56 years old. This Regiment was organized at Camp Circleville, Ohio. Marching from Circleville, "it took the cars at Chillicothe, Ohio for Marietta, Ohio … on December 1, it was ordered to Memphis.

"On December 20th the regiment moved on transports down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to Johnston's Landing, on the Yazoo River, where it joined General Sherman's army, then about to operate in the rear of Vicksburg." In the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi, on December 29, 1862, the federals were surrounded on all sides by bluffs on which the enemy was heavily fortified. There was fierce fighting and John Cook Irwin was wounded in the thigh and died January 2, 1863. From the Circleville Democrat, Circleville, Ohio, January 30, 1863, "this was the hardest days fighting of all, but it is all of no use, they have got a perfect Gibraltor of a place. We drew off at dark and sank down on our cold and cheerless beds. This night we had a pelting rain all night, which did not add much to our comfort, you may depend." John Cook Irwin was buried in Shiloh, Tennessee, probably in an unmarked grave.

Washington Irwin returned to Pickaway County for a short time but in the summer of 1865, he returned to Illinois and engaged in the profession of teaching. Nancy Daugherty Thompson Irwin lived in Pickaway County until she died in 1873. Alice M. Irwin married George Barton and they had a son, George E. Barton. Anna Irwin married Daniel Miller and Mary Ellen Irwin married Merriman L. Whaley and they had three children: Glen Bassett, Myrtle C. and Lloyd Bliss.

-Submitted by Anne Irwin Senf

ANDREW LEE JACKSON FAMILY

Andrew Lee Jackson was born on November 18, 1959, in Chillicothe, Ohio. He was the son of Arthur and Patricia Joann Lauerman Jackson. Andy was a 1978 graduate of Zane Trace High School and a 1982 graduate of Ohio University.

Jerri Lynn Kaiser was born on January 13, 1962, in Circleville, Ohio. She was the daughter of George Ray and Evelyn Irene Myers Kaiser. Jerri was a 1980 graduate of Westfall High School and attended college at Bowling Green State University.

Andrew, Jerri, Sarah, & Zachary Jackson

Andrew and Jerri were married on October 6, 1984, in the Williamsport United Methodist Church. They resided in Circleville before moving to Kingston in November of 1985.

Their daughter, Sarah Christine, was born on March 24, 1985, in Circleville, Ohio. Sarah was a 2003 graduate of Zane Trace High School. Their son Zachary Thomas, was born on November 6, 1986, in Circleville, Ohio. Zack was a 2005 graduate of Zane Trace High School.

After being a self-employed carpenter for five years, Andy found a career with Nationwide Insurance in Columbus, Ohio. He began in March of 1987 as a carpenter an is currently the Supervisor of the Building Maintenance Shop in the home office. Andy was very active with his children. He coached baseball for Green Township, Ross County, football for Zane Trace Biddy League, and was the videographer for the Zane Trace Junior High football team and the Junior High and Junior Varsity girl's basketball teams.

Jerri stayed at home with her children for sixteen years. During that time she helped coach baseball and basketball. She was the Secretary for the Green Township Youth Baseball League. Jerri was also an advisor for the Wild Bunch 4-H club, a Girl Scout troop leader, trainer and delegate for the Seal of Ohio Girl Scout Council, and Day Camp Director at Tea-Qui Mead. She was also a Red Cross and American Heart Association Instructor. Her love for crafts led to Jerri being named Ross County Fair Homemaker of the Year in 1999 and 2004. Jerri worked as an Office Operations Supervisor for the 2000 Census and is currently with the Pensions division at Nationwide Insurance.

Andy and Jerri love to travel. Their adventures have included several trips to Las Vegas, Florida, Tennessee, and Washington D.C. International excursions have included the Eastern Caribbean, Canada, and Ireland. Jerri also made a pilgrimage to Germany with her father to find her great-grandfather's birthplace in Singlis, as well as meeting several relatives along the way.

When Andrew and Jerri's earthly journey has ended, they will be laid to rest in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Andrew Jackson

JOHN W. JENKINS FAMILY

John's great, great, great-grandfather, Azariah, served in the Revolutionary War. He was given land in Greenbriar County, West Virginia for compensation. Eventually, the family migrated to Jackson County, Ohio. Azariah's son, William H.C. (Nancy), was very active in the community there. William's father-in-law, Joseph Horton, also served in the same war as his father. William and Nancy's son Joseph married Elizabeth Cummings in 1803.

John W. & Kathaleen (Davis) Jenkins

John M. Jenkins, son of Joseph and Elizabeth, married Adaline Smith. The youngest of their three sons, Charles, married Della Brooks in Pike County. Charles suffered from diabetes and passed away in 1920 from complications during

an influenza epidemic, leaving Della with three young children, Minnie, Joseph and John W. Della went on to marry Nathan Perkins, a soldier recently returned from World War I. Nathan and Della moved the family to Circleville. They lived on South Court Street, and later purchased a house on East Mound Street.

When they were young boys, John and his brother, Joe, caddied at the Pickaway Country Club (PCC) to earn extra money. This job instilled a love for the game of golf that lasted a lifetime. John attended Circleville High School, where he excelled in sports, earning thirteen varsity letters. In his adulthood, he earned the title of PCC golf champion at least twice, and also won the Ohio Mayors golf championship.

After his graduation, John went to work for the local gas company. Then, he left for World War II. He received basic training at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg, MS. While there he met Kathaleen Davis, an employee at the Leaf Hotel. John spent four years in the Pacific theater during the war. After receiving his discharge, he stopped in Hattiesburg and married Kathaleen on July 1, 1945. The Jenkins' returned to Circleville, where John began to work at Eshelman's Mill and also worked as his brother Joe's Sunoco Station in the evenings. He retired from the mill 43 years later as a traffic manager.

During this time, John was very involved in the local community as well. For several years he was the Secretary and Treasurer of PCC. Along with that, he spent 17 years as the 2nd Ward Councilman for the city of Circleville. Later, he served two terms as mayor.

John and Kathaleen had four children: Cheryl, Tom and twins, Janie and Joni. Chery married Richard Bircher and has two sons, Tyler and Trent. Tyler is married to Katherine Stonerock and has two daughters, Morgan and Victoria. John's first great-grandchildren. Tom married Jill Robertson and has three daughters, Amy, Emily and Megan. Emily is married to Eric Melson. Janie has two sons, Ryan and Kurt Lehman. Joni is married to Robert Erwin. They have three children, Stephanie, Elizabeth and Blake.

John passed away in 1999 at age 81. His widow, Kathaleen, passed away April 17, 2005. Many of their children and grandchildren continue to live in and around Pickaway County as well.

-Submitted by Cheryl Bircher

HARRY JOHNSON FAMILY

Harry Johnson (1870-1950) traveled to Ohio from London, England. He married Anna Bleakley (1868-1941) in 1893. There were seven sons from this union. Earl Robert (1893-1970) the first son, was born December 2. He married Clara Gee (1893-1977) in Grayson, Kentucky. Earl worked for the Norfolk and Western Railroad, the first in Circleville, Ohio, then in Portsmouth, Ohio and later in Roanoke, Virginia. Marjorie Ann was born in 1925. She married Robert Walter (1922-) in 1950. They adopted three children: Margaret Ellen (1954-), John Robert (1957-), and Elizabeth (1960-). Robert taught chemistry at George Mason College and Marjorie was a teacher. Earl Junior was born in 1927. He married Nancy Taylor (1930-). They had four children: Christopher Alan (1956-), Katherine Anne (1957-), Stephen Anthony (1958-) and Keith Adrian (1963-2000). Earl was a physician in Roanoke and Nancy was a nurse.

Harry and Anna Johnson around 1930's

Lawrence John (1896-1991) was second. He married Mary Lukens (1898-1990) in Washington, D.C. on August 3, 1918. They had one daughter, Carol Ann (1939-). She married George Bowling (1939-) on June 17, 1961. Lawrence was an insurance agent and Mary was a teacher and principal at Mound Street School, Circleville, Ohio. George was an electrical contractor and Carol Ann was a teacher in the Logan Elm School District, Pickaway County, Ohio. They had one daughter, Sheri Lynn (1966-). She married Eric Theis in 1989. They had two children: Michael John (1991-) and Kayla Ann (1993-).

Irvin Andrew (1900-1978) married Florence Hermann (1902-2003). They lived in New York City, New York where Irvin taught English at New York University and Florence was a librarian at a hotel, later working at the Plaza Hotel. There were no children.

Ernest Frank (1903-1986) lived in Chicago, Illinois. He was married, but there is no record of this. There were no children.

Harry Clarence (1905-1962) lived in Circleville and worked as the Esmeralda Canning Factory. He was not married.

Benjamin Bleakley (1908-1984) lived in Circleville and worked for the Container Corporation. He was not married. He was active in the Elks Lodge.

Arthur Kenneth (1911-1981) married Norah Cotton (1910-1970) in England in 1945. They had Brenda Mary (1947-) who married David Williams (1946-) in 1970. They had one son, Christopher David (1976-). He married Andrea Susil (1972-) in 2003. Arthur was a teacher in the Westfall School District, Pickaway County, for five years. He also worked for Ralston Purina and the United States Post Office in Circleville. Norah was a secretary for the Johnson Insurance Agency, Circleville. Brenda was a teacher in the Circleville City Schools. David was a nurse at The Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Sue Ann (1949-) was the second daughter. She married Paul Schiff (1947-) in 1970. They had one son, Brian Stewart (1974-). Brian married Jennifer Alkire (1969-). Their son was Cole (2002-). Sue was a teacher in the Circleville City Schools. Paul was in the florist business. Brian was a physical therapist and Jennifer was a personal trainer.

It is interesting that seven brothers had only five marriages and five children in the next generation. Four of them stayed in Circleville and the others went to a larger city to live. Five are buried in Forest Cemetery in Circleville.

-Submitted by Carol Ann Bowling

J.W.J.

A Country Editor. In this age of instantaneous communication, it is difficult to imagine that only less than seventy-five years ago the source of news and communication came to your rural and many city homes once a week. In those times the weekly newspaper provided this source of information.

John Wesley Johnson known to the newspaper world as "J.W.J." lived in Circleville, Ohio. He was active in the newspaper profession until the end of his life writing letters and editorials even in his retirement. This is a brief story of his career and his impact.

"J.W." as many also called him was born in Liberty Township, Jackson County, Ohio on December 6, 1853. His grandfather Phillip S. Johnson who was born in England, probably in Wales, migrated to America with the influx of the Welsh people who were skilled in the production of iron and the raw materials necessary for its manufacture. The raw materials needed were found in abundance in the hills of Southeastern Ohio.

The Welsh had been engaged in this industry in their home country and now came to this country with their expertise to fill the need for these skills in Jackson County. Phillip left his large family and came to America as a young man to find a future as did many others from Wales. There are still places in that area that bear names reflecting the industry founded in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains such as Franklin Furnace, Ironton, Coal Grove, Union Furnace, Buckeye Furnace.

Coal was mined from drift or "hill side" mines. This coal was dug from a deposit found exposed on a hillside then followed underground by tunneling into the vein, a dangerous procedure because of cave-ins, flooding, and explosions from methane gas.

Phillip had soon married after arriving in

America and he and his wife Mary Justice became the parents of seven children. One of the three sons was Daniel Hamilton Johnson, born September 24, 1827. This was J.W.J.'s father. He married Eliza Tope who was born in 1826. Of this fruitful union were born nine children, six girls and three boys. The oldest son was John Wesley Johnson, our subject.

Most of the people engaged in the production of this "pig iron" like many immigrants wished to better their situation by acquiring property of their own. During this time in the early 1820s, the Johnsons changed their vocation by acquiring land and becoming farmers. J.W.J.'s family followed this pattern and blessed with the large family they produced, found this to be an advantage as well as a responsibility. Some children would eventually leave the farms. As did J.W.

Children that did well in the elementary grades in the schools of that period often stayed on by becoming teachers themselves. This must have been the case with J.W.J. because he taught school in Jackson County schools from the age of nineteen. This was for a period of ten years from 1872 to 1882.

While still teaching school, he married Seralda A. McLaughlin who was from Jackson County and the Madison Furnace community. Her ancestors had followed the same path from the British Isles and Scotland to Jackson County. She was a strong, determined woman who had raised her brothers and sisters on the family farm following the death of her mother when Seralda was only twelve. She was a petite lady with thick auburn hair. Her most noticeable feature was her prominent long lashed eyes. These characteristics have been passed to the Johnson family descendants even today.

As one who enjoyed written communication, and submitted many letters to the local newspapers, it soon followed that in 1882 we find that J.W.J. had acquired an interest in the ownership of the Jackson Herald, a weekly newspaper that was published in Jackson, Ohio. He soon acquired the ownership from his partner. True to his background as a Jeffersonian Democrat and subscriber to the religion of his namesake John Wesley, the founder of Methodism; he espoused those principles without reservation in his editorials in his weekly publications.

After seven years in Jackson the opportunity to acquire the Waverly, Ohio newspaper known as the Waverly Courier presented itself. J.W.J. and Seralda who now had three surviving children moved the family to the county seat of Pike County. Shortly after their arrival, Seralda gave birth to her fifth child, the fourth to survive. He was named Paul Alcott Johnson. Paul's name was a tribute to the father of Louisa Mae Alcott, a literary figure that J.W. admired.

The paper's name was later called The Waverly Watchman after the merger of two Pike County Democratic papers, The Waverly Courier and The Waverly Democrat. Both sons, Carl and Paul, came into the newspaper business with their father at a young age. Paul was adept in the business aspect traveling the countryside in Pike and Jackson Counties selling subscriptions and advertising with considerable success. Carl was the newsman and printer; J.W. was the publisher and J.A. Jones editor. J.W. became even more involved in politics. His editorials were plain spoken on matters of temperance, honesty, and morality.

In 1906 after the election of the Democrat candidate John M. Pattison to governor, J.W. became President of the Ohio Newspaper Association. After that recognition, the newly elected Governor appointed J.W. State Printer (or Supervisor of Public Printing). This was an office which controlled the purchasing powers for the state at the time. In 1916 choosing to leave the notorious political environment of Pike County, J.W. and Paul learned of the opportunity to purchase from an estate sale, The Democrat and Watchman paper in Circleville, Ohio, the county seat of Pickaway County. J.W. and Paul made the purchase.

They moved to Circleville where they published three weekly papers: The Democrat & Watchman in Circleville, The Kingston Journal in Kingston, Ohio and The Adelphia Record in Adelphia, Ohio. In 1917 Paul was called to serve in the Army until 1918 when he returned from France at the end of the first World War. When Paul returned they continued to publish the papers until 1927 when they sold to The Circleville Herald who consolidated the weeklies with the daily paper. At this point J.W. wrote "30" which in news parlance means: "End of Story" and he retired.

However, a restless pen compelled him to write regular editorial columns and comments to many publications such as The Ohio State Journal, The Chicago Journal of Commerce, and many Southern Ohio newspapers about a variety of topics under the by line of "As J.W.J. Sees Life". Reflecting his rural childhood he continued to garden, make apple butter, raise animals, and entertain his grandchildren and readers with stories of days gone by. He published three small volumes, which are to be found in the Ohioana collection in the State Library. A small slight man he was noted for his full goatee, slouch hat, and flowing ties. He lived an active life up until his death on October 15, 1939.

Paul A. Johnson opened a printing and office supply company after the sale of the newspapers. The location was where the present Ted Lewis museum is situated. He married Irene Orr a schoolteacher of Kingston, Ross County on August 28, 1926. They had three children: Robert Marr Johnson, Martha Sue Johnson, and Mary Anne Johnson.

Robert returned to Circleville after service in the Korean War. While in the service he married a fellow Air Force officer Marilyn Cook of Akron, Ohio. They have five children: Virginia Lee (Davis), Kathleen Cook (Sassa), Paul Kelly (Carol), Eric Robert (Pam), Patricia Irene (Rothe).

Virginia (Richard) Davis has three children; Jeffery, Carrie, and Glen; Kathleen (Joel) Sassa has three children also: Lindsey, Taylor, and Robert; Paul and Carol have a daughter Samantha; Eric and Pam have three sons: Steven, Mitchell, David, and daughter Hannah; Patricia (Mike) Rothe has a son Nicholas.

Robert, Paul, Eric, and Patricia are all engaged in the family businesses R/P Johnson, Inc., and Four J Properties, Inc. which are active in construction and real estate ventures in Circleville. They continue to reside in the Circleville area.

Thus the present generations continue the long tradition of Johnson family members working together in a family economic unit in Ohio.

-Submitted by Robert Johnson

ROBERT & MARILYN JOHNSON FAMILY

At the end of the Korean Conflict in 1954, Robert M. Johnson and his wife Marilyn M. Johnson decided to return to civilian life. Both served in the United States Air Force as officers. Marilyn was a First Lieutenant in the Nurse Corps. Robert (Bob) was Base Petroleum Officer and also a First Lieutenant. White both had enjoyed their service and Robert was offered a Regular Commission to stay in The Strategic Air Command of the Air Force, they made the decision to leave active duty.

The young couple stopped at Robert's home for a visit while interviewing for employment in Ohio. A neighbor of the Johnson family, C.F. Replogle, a civil engineer, was expanding his new heavy construction company into one of the largest in the area. He asked Robert to join his organization to see if it was something that might be beneficial to both parties.

Mr. Replogle was a dynamic person with rare vision and a flair for innovation in the construction of heavy highway and industrial construction. It was an opportunity for a young man to learn about construction as well as being well paid. A few weeks turned into eight years for Marilyn and Robert while the Eisenhower interstate construction program provided many opportunities for people returning after the Second World War and the Korean Conflict.

In 1962 The Replogle Companies were closing their operations as Mr. Replogle decided to

Bob & Marilyn Johnson Family

retire to Florida. This was the opportune time for Robert who had always wanted his own business to make the move. Putting $100.00 in a new account called "Contractors and Industrial Supply Company", Bob and Marilyn started a new venture to provide industrial equipment and buildings to heavy contractors and industries in a three state area where Bob had prior experience and had many contacts.

Marilyn, who was a registered Nurse, worked nights and took care of the four children during the day helping the business to grow and survive economically. One of the first orders was for a gross (144) of red warning flags that a customer needed the next morning to move equipment from Chicago into Ohio. Bob purchased a bold of red cloth and 150 ¾" wood dowels. Marilyn stitched them on her sewing machine while Bob assembled the flags. The order was ready to deliver the next morning.

Marilyn and Bob worked as a team along with the children, now numbering five, who helped whenever and wherever they were needed as they "grew up" in the business. Three of the children, Paul, Eric, and Patty have remained in Circleville and are company officers now managing the company business. The original forty-three year old enterprise now includes: R/P Johnson, Inc., engaged in construction, real estate, land development, and crane rentals. The Four J Properties owns, rents and manages commercial, industrial and residential properties. JODIRO, Inc. develops residential properties.

The family now includes the five original children: Virginia (Dick) Davis, their children Jeff, Carrie, and Glenn who live in Holland, Michigan; Kathleen (Joel) Sassa and children Lindsey, Taylor, and Robert; Paul (Carol) Johnson, Ashville, Ohio and their daughter Sammantha; Eric (Pam) Johnson, Circleville, Ohio and their children Steve, Mitchell, David, and Hannah; Patty (Mike) Rothe also of Circleville, and their son Nicholas.

The Johnson Family has always believed in participating in activities that benefit the community. The family members continue to support and provide leadership for worthy causes and needs in the Central Ohio area.

The picture attached was taken in 2004 at Marilyn and Bob's fiftieth wedding anniversary party at Marblehead, Ohio where the family has gathered and boated for many years.

-Submitted by Robert M. Johnson

JONATHAN JOHNSTON FAMILY

Jonathan Johnston was born in Pickaway County, Ohio on 3/16/1812. His parents are unknown at this time. For many years it was thought that he was born in Northern Ohio, however after obtaining the death certificate of his daughter, Frances Ida, it was found that his birthplace was Pickaway County and his wife Catherine Upp was born on 9/29/1819 in Fairfield County. It is unknown for certain where this couple died, but at the time of death they were making their home in Licking County and both were buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Delaware County. Jonathan died 2/10/1886 and Catherine died 2/4/1874.

Jonathan and Catherine were married 7/1/1838 in Pickaway County and were the parents of 7 children: Mary M. (b.8/11/1839), George W. (b.12/24/1842, d.10/31/1829), Sarah J. (b./4/1845), Eveline (b.9/28/1848), Charles Emery (b.11/16/1855), William S. (b.11/25/1858) and Frances Ida (b.11/6/1860). Frances was born in New Albany, Ohio and died 10/8/1912.

On 11/16/1881 Frances married Elmore Eugene Mosher (b.8/7/1853, d.9/6/1921), son of David and Phoebe Buck Mosher. They had 3 children: Anna Lorena (b.2/20/1886, d.1/22/1971, m. Claude Reedy); Mary Priscilla (b.6/10/1891, d.9/10/1976, m. Robert Denman); Isa Lena (b.3/16/1894, d.8/28/1954, m. Bishop Merrill Clifton, then m. Marion Whipps).

Mary, against the wishes of her parents, became a Registered Nurse. When she married Robert Denman on 6/12/1915 in Franklin County, she returned to her roots and became a resident of Pickaway County. She was a Nurse at Berger Hospital in Circleville, Ohio and helped with the delivery of many of the next generations of children in Circleville. Mary loved her profession. At the age of 86, Mary was still nursing, doing limited private duty and administrating injections, in private homes, to patients who could not go the their physician's offices regularly. Due to being older than most of the local physicians, she often referred to them as "her boys". While showing them the respect due their profession, she counted them among her many friends. She claimed to have helped deliver a great amount of the children of Pickaway County and many residents made the same claim.

Robert liked to stay close to home, however, this did not stop Mary from traveling. She traveled to all 50 States in the Union ad many foreign countries. Mary was active in the Eastern Star, the Pickaway County Nurses Association and the Pickaway Senior Center.

Robert and Mary had 2 children: James Elmore and Ann Elizabeth. More of Robert and Mary's family in included in The Denman Family history in this book.

-Submitted by Robert Denman

I.A. JONES FAMILY

Isham Atchison Jones along with his wife and children came to Pickaway County, Ohio in 1885 to farm some of the land, which had been willed by former Governor Duncan McArthur to his grandchildren, who included the former Effic McArthur, the wife of I.A. Jones. Other heirs of Duncan had broken his will in the Ross County, Ohio court and sold this land before all of the grandchildren reached the age of consent. A portion of this land was returned to the rightful heirs after a lengthy lawsuit, which had been pursued by the youngest grandchild Allen Campbell McArthur to the United States Supreme Court.

Mrs. Jones was considered a native of Pickaway County and had lived here for a while as a child. Her father, Allen McArthur, was trained both as a lawyer and a surveyor. Mr. Jones' father was a native of Pennsylvania and was said to be a Captain under Duncan McArthur during the War of 1812. After the War he purchased land grants issued to veterans and eventually worked his way westward until he settled in Logan County, Illinois.

L-R, Back row: I.A. Jones, Effie McArthur Jones, Stephen Arthur Jones. Front row: Flora Tice Jones, Susan VanBibber Jones

Mr. Jones and Effie McArthur were married December 12, 1873 and had three children: Flora Tice, married Frank Anderson and they had four daughter, Effie Louise, Mary Frances, Eleanor Jones, and Flora Lee; Susie Van Bibber married Joseph Shortridge and they had two daughters, Mary Isham and Lillian Josephine; Arthur Stephen the son of Isham and Effie married Carrie Trimble, a daughter of James Trimble who was a Civil War Veteran from Pickaway County and a native of County Tyrone in Ireland. Carrie (Trimble) Jones also descended from Samuel Dawson, one of the early settlers in Pickaway County. Their children who reached majority were Arthur Trimble, Richard Edward, Dorothy Emily, and Janet.

Great grandchildren of this couple residing in Pickaway County in 2003 include Juanita Hill, Robert (Sandy), and Steve Jones.

Great-great grandchildren in the county are Stephanie Martin, Sean Jones and Jackie Sill. Great-great-great grandchildren in Pickaway County are Zachary and Joshua Sill and Marlee and Taylor Martin.

One interesting incident that befell the Jones family happened not too long after the advent of the automobile. In the middle of the intersection of what is now Route 104 and 56 Pickaway County, there grew a large tree. Whoever was in charge of the roads took it upon themselves to remove the tree without permission. When the workers appeared at the intersection, A.S. Jones met them with a shotgun and ordered them away. Only by sneaking in under cover of darkness after midnight were they able to remove the tree. As with many other governmental actions, it was not a solution to the safety problem because automobiles just collided with each other rather than the tree for the next eighty years.

-Submitted by Robert Jones

LEWIS EDWARD JONES

According to memoirs of Mary Belle (Jones-Peters-Buzzard) Bradford, in 1909 Lewis Edward "Ed" and Mary Elizabeth "Mame" (Eccard-

Lewis Edward Jones Family. L-R: Olive Marie Jones-Black-Buzzard, Mary Belle Jones-Peters-Buzzard-Bradford, Lewis Edward Jones, Minard Daniel "Mike" Klingensmith, William Lewis Jones, Rosa (Rose) May Jones-Stewart-Hochmuth, Mary Elizabeth Eccard-Klingensmith-Jones, Gideon "Bo" Klingensmith, Emma Williams-Klingensmith, Ruby Ruth Jones-Chatfield, Vernon "Penny" Klingensmith, John Robert Chatfield, Christine Chatfield

Klingensmith) Jones moved into a log cabin on Walnut Creek Pike, Pickaway County, near the Rainbow Bridge with Mame's three sons and Ed's daughter by previous marriages.

Ed (b. March 12, 1886, d. December 7, 1965) was born in Hocking County, Ohio. He and Mame (b. August 1, 1878, d. August 9, 1959) were married by Rev. George Troutman in Circleville, Ohio on April 30, 1909. Mame died of a stroke. Ed died of a broken heart on December 7, 1965. They were soul mates and are buried together in Forest Cemetery, Circlevlle.

Edward's parents, George Bullard Jones (b. September 6, 1863, d. May 25, 1935) and Ethel Lenthelin Murphy Jones (b. December 11, 1860, d. November 26, 1954) lived in an adjacent farm house, later residing in Akron, Ohio and Williamsport, Ohio. They are buried in Springbank Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Ed and Mame had each been married previously, their spouses have died. Mame, widow of Daniel M. Klingensmith (d.1902) was left with three young sons: Minard Daniel "Mike" Klingensmith (b. August 6, 1898, d. April 15, 1990); Ira Gideon "Bo" Klingensmith (b. November 7, 1900, d. September 21, 1962); Vernon "Penny" Klingensmith (b. May 5, 1902, d. August 13, 1977).

Ed survived his first wife, Elizabeth Nancy (Hastings) Jones, and cared for their little daughter, Myrtle, (b. 1905, d. September 1910) who life was taken by spinal meningitis.

Twins, William Lewis "Bill" and Mary Belle Jones, arrived March 31, 1910. Bill died April 10, 1996 and Mary died April 20, 1996.

In 1910, Ed and Mame moved to Circleville and lived in a house on the Pickaway County Fairgrounds where Ed worked. Rosa May was born there on December 6, 1911. From there the family moved to the Pearl Watkins farm on London Lancaster Road near Walnut Creek, Pickaway County, where Olive Marie was born January 22, 1914.

Aunt Mary Belle remembered the 1913 flood when their father, Ed, with Rosa in his arms and Bill and Mary hanging to his pant legs carried them to safety. Mike, Bo and Penny were old enough to be on their own.

Ethel Alice (b. October 6, 1915, d. January 14, 1990) was born at their new home on the Mike Decker farm on Walnut Creek Pike.

On October 13, 1915, Mame's mother, Mary Alice (Drake) Eccard rose before her husband, Gideon Eccard. Gideon found his wife in the barn, dead from ingesting poison. Not being able to live without her, he drank horse medicine. No exact motive was ever determined. It was speculated that health issues were involved.

Mame was unable to attend their funerals, as in those days, a woman was required to remain in bed for about two weeks after giving birth.

Daughter Number 5, Ruby Ruth, was born (November 14, 1917, d. July 6, 1998).

Ed and Mame were the most loving, most generous, most Christ-like people who ever lived. Their unconditional love touched all who knew them.

-Submitted by Rose Jamison

NELSON EDWARD JONES

Peter Jones, Sr., came to America from Wales and settled in the state of Maryland in 1750. He was a Wagoner at Bradock's Defeat in 1755, and was with Washington throughout the Revolutionary War. His wife's name was Catherine, and they were the parents of ten children, of which the fifth child was Peter Jones, Jr.

Peter Jones, Jr., was born in Maryland on April 20, 1762. On August 7, 1785, Peter took Mary Whiteman as his wife. Peter and his wife had four daughters and one son. The son, the eldest child, was Henry Jones. Peter Jones, Jr., fought under St. Clair and also in the War of 1812. Peter died at the age of 65.

Henry Jones, Peter and Mary's son, was born on March 15, 1796, in Hampshire County, Virginia. Henry and his father sold their 172 acres of land and came by ox-drawn cart to Ohio from Virginia about 1808. Old letters tell of how Henry went to war with his father, Peter Jones,Jr. On October 3, 1816, Henry Jones married Nancy Moss from Pennsylvania. Henry was the father of fifteen children. Henry Jones died at the age of 71 and is buried in the Hallsville Cemetery.

Silas Dixon Jones, Henry and Nancy Moss Jones' thirteenth child, was born on February 19, 1841. On February 23, 1861, Silas married Mary Ann Kerns, and on March 6, 1862, their first child, William, was born. Their happiness as a family was interrupted when, on August 9, 1862, Silas enlisted for three years in Co. A, 73rd Regiment O.V.I., as a private in Captain Luther Buchwalter's Company in the Civil War. He was honorably discharge from Fintry Hospital, Washington, D.C., on December 1, 1862, for a disability. During his lifetime he was the father of seven girls and two boys, the youngest being Henry Edison Jones. Silas Dixon Jones died in Hallsville, Ohio, on May 11, 1923.

Henry Edison Jones, Silas's son, was born on January 22, 1878, in Ross County, Ohio, near Hallsville. On October 25, 1899, he married Harriett Louise Cryder (Crider). They had five children: Harry Edison, born October 29, 1900; Roy Wesley, born on March 26, 1903; Russell Orland, born on March 11, 1906; Helen Louise, born on August 2, 1910; and Edith Marie, born on February 11, 1916. Harry Edison Jones married Ethel Conway and their only child was Charles. Roy Wesley married Marry DeLong and their child was Maxine. They divorced, and Roy married Ruth Dawson Dunkle, who had a daughter, Genevieve. Russell Orland married Emma Merle Strous and their first born was a son, Nelson Edward, born February 4, 1926, and two years later, a daughter, Jennie Louise, born February 12, 1928. Helen Louise Jones married Wilbur Pontius and their child was Victor. Edith Marie married Marvin Leist and adopted David and Janet to complete their family.

Nelson E. Jones

Henry Edison Jones had no war record. His son, Russell, was classified as I-A for World War II and thought he was going to be called. He was trying to make final decisions for his store, but he never was called, most likely because of his age. The young were called first. His son, Nelson Edward, at the age of 17, proved his integrity when he said he was going to serve even though someone who thought dearly of him had offered him a job on his farm so Nelson would not have to go to war. He dutifully served as Staff Sergeant in the 117th Army Airways Communications System in France. He enlisted on February 1, 1944, entered on April 7, 1944, and returned home on June 15, 1946. He had served in the 117th Army Airways Communications System as Communications Chief in the European theater of operations for nineteen months.

Nelson Edward Jones married Mary Ann Macklin, the daughter of Kathryn Armstrong Macklin and Daniel Macklin on August 27, 1947. They gave birth to a daughter, Connie Diane, and a son, Jeffrey Macklin Jones. The grandchildren

born were Jason and Erin Herbert and Julie, Marissa, and Andrew Jones. Mary Ann Jones died after a courageous battle with cancer in 1986. Nelson then married Jane Ann Willman on June 10, 1989. Jennie Louise Jones married Glenford Mathews and they had a daughter, Cindy. Their grandchildren born were Patrick, Russell, and Gregory Goeller.

Nelson's father, Russell, since 1926, owned and operated Jones' General Store (Clover Farm Grocery), Tarlton, Ohio, with his wife, Merle. It is well remembered for their hospitality and helping those in need. Stories are often recalled of the town pranksters; the wheel of cheese and crackers; the shimmying up the gas pump sign post; the candy treats for the little ones; and, of course, the famous large ice cream cones. Many are the stories recalled of the Huckster Route days to Buena Vista on Tuesdays; all day out in Hocking County on Wednesdays; and one-half days on Thursdays in the Salt Creek area of Pickaway County. Since the latter was a shorter route, Merle and Jennie Louise (Sis) worked this route. Nelson took over the management duties in the late 1950's. To accommodate the community, he sold feed and hardware from a store across the street.

In the 1970's Nelson remodeled the store across the street, increased the hardware inventory, and operated a general hardware store. He sold the grocery to Charles and Peggy Jones and continued his business in the hardware. In December, 1988, Nelson sold the Jones' Hardware Store to Mike Hupp, and Nelson retired.

In his lifetime Nelson was dedicated to serving mankind, be it his Lutheran Church membership; as a member of the Pickaway County and Pickaway-Ross Vocational Center school boards; as a member of various service clubs and Logan Elm School Athletic Boosters; and for the community of Tarlton, where he served forty years on the Salt Creek-Tarlton Volunteer Fire Department. He remembers well a day of his childhood when the circus came to Tarlton and the elephants cooled themselves off in Salt Creek, squirting water everywhere. There are more stories than time to tell!

-Submitted by Jane Willman Jones

R.A. JONES FAMILY

Robert Alexander (Sandy) Jones was born in Columbus, Ohio on March 2, 1929, the son of Richard E. and Elizabeth Gibson Jones. After the birth of his brother Steve, the family moved to Circleville, Ohio, and lived for a while on North Court Street and later on Union Street in the house now owned by the Pickaway County Historical Society.

When Sandy was about nine years old the family purchased and moved to a farm, which they named "Briar Patch" in Saltcreek Township. The boys attended Saltcreek Township School, where Sandy met through school sports and 4-H Club work, Lois Defenbaugh, daughter of William and Gwendolen Lewis Defenbaugh. He graduated from high school in 1947 and went on to receive a bachelor's and master's degree in forestry at the University of Michigan in 1951. He then worked briefly for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources before serving in the Army during the Korean War. He was discharged as a 2nd Lt. in 1953.

Lois, who had lived her entire life in Saltcreek Township, also graduated from Saltcreek High School in 1949, and from The Ohio State University in 1953. Sandy and Lois were married in 1952. Following her graduation and after a brief time near Washington D.C. while Sandy was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, she served as acting home demonstration agent in three different Ohio counties while Sandy was stationed in Korea.

Robert A. (Sandy) Jones Family, 1966. Rear: Alex, Kyle, Stewart. Front: Lois (Defenbaugh), Stephanie, Sandy

When he returned home in late 1953 he took a position with International Paper Company, and they moved south to Florida and later to Georgia where he was a forester at Southlands Experiment Forest owned by the paper company. Sons Alex (1954), Stewart (1956), and Kyle (1959) were born during that period of time. In 1961 after the death of Lois' father, they decided to return to Ohio and farm some of his land and satisfy a little homesickness. Their daughter Stephanie was born in Circleville in 1963. Lois taught school part time and substituted for many years in Logan Elm School District.

Their son Robert Alexander Jones Jr. graduated from Logan Elm High School and the Ohio State University. He married Karen Jackson and they are the parents of Jami Lynn, who graduated from Otterbein College and now teaches in Westerville, Ohio, and Ashley Elizabeth Jones who is a senior at Ohio University studying mathematics and athletic training. After a divorce he married Ellen Hribek and they have a daughter Allie born in Kazakhstan in 2001. They live in LaGrange, Texas, where they are presently opening a farm market. Formerly he worked many years in retail management.

Stewart McArthur Jones graduated from Logan Elm High School and Ferris State College in Big Rapids, Michigan, where he met Kim Kopeck of Livonia, Michigan. After their marriage they moved to Florida where Stewart had gone to work for the Kroger Company. They have two daughters; Rachel Michele who will be a junior at Florida State University in 2005 and Lindsey Marie who is a freshman at University High School in Orlando, Florida. Stewart now works for an advertising agency in Orlando, is president of the Central Florida Watercolor Society, and exhibits many of his paintings throughout the area in restaurants, shops, libraries and the Orlando City Hall.

Lewis Kyle Jones also graduated from Logan Elm High School and completed two years at Hocking Technical College. After spending a summer as a Tern Warden on Cape Cod he interned at Manomet Bird Observatory before continuing his studies at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine. Later he earned a master's degree at the University of Massachusetts where he met Jennifer Megyesi, who later became his wife. They have a son Bradford Kipling Jones born January 4, 2000. Kyle has worked many years with the National Park Service, presently at the Billings Rockefeller Park in Woodstock, Vermont. He and Jennifer own and operate an organic farm near South Royalton, Vermont, and Kyle also enjoys woodworking in his spare time. Recently a book "Harvest" by Nicola Smith with photographs by Geoff Hansen was published, which covers a year in the operation of Kyle and Jennifer's organic farm.

Stephanie Kay Jones graduated from Logan Elm High School and then attended Bowling Green State University for two years before graduating from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. Later she earned her master's degree from Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan. She is completing her 19th year of teaching in the Amanda-Clearcreek School District. Her two children are Marlee Kay Martin (1994) and Taylor Robert Martin (1996). Both attend Saltcreek Elementary School. Stephanie is active in the Ohio Education Association and serves on many educational committees, as well as keeping her children involved in church, music, 4-H and sports activities.

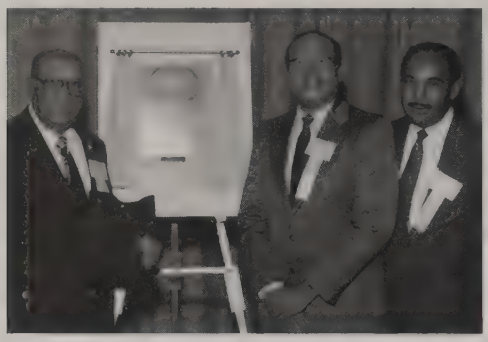
About 1987 Sandy switched from farming to work in the Eddie Bauer Catalog warehouse in Columbus and worked 12 years before finally retiring. Lois did alterations and worked for ten years in fabric sales at Wal-Mart. Both are members and elders of the Presbyterian Church. Sandy was president of the Pickaway County Farm Bureau and Lois was a 30-year 4-H advisor, and was involved in County, District and State 4-H and extension over the years. Since retiring, gardening, reading, church, genealogy, volunteer work at Clear Creek Metro Park and sewing keep them busy.

-Submitted by Lois Jones

RUBEN JONES FAMILY

Reuben R. Jones (1917-1990) and Jenevee Keels-Jones purchased their first farm in Pickaway County, on State Route 56 near Tarlton, in 1955. Seven years later they purchased a second farm in Washington Township and moved the family farming operation from Ross County. Ross County was the birthplace of five children: Marvin, Inez and Eunice (twins), Lewis and Raymond.

Reuben was the youngest of ten children and the fifth generation of the son of an African



L-R: Reuben Jones, Lewis and Raymond (his sons)

prince who was aboard a slave ship that docked in Jamestown, Virginia in 1754. The family history has been chronicled from that time to the present by the book "History of the Jones Family", written by John Lysandrous Jones in 1933 and periodically updated electronically by Reuben and Jenevee's son, Lewis.

Reuben and Jenevee were married in1939 and immediately began farming with his mother, Emma Tanner Jones-Cosby in Jackson County. Father, John Marshall Jones, died in 1920, a victim of an influenza epidemic. They started farming on their own in 1941 near Greenfield and moved again to a rented 280 acre farm southeast of Chillicothe in 1946. The family settled on living in the farm's wooden frame house, not being offered the opportunity to reside in the property's modern brick house where previous tenants had lived. The landlord did keep his promise, and within three years, running water, a bathroom and modern heating were added to the older structure.

The family's first debt was a $6,000 loan by Production Credit Association to purchase livestock, a used Farmall H tractor, cultivators, seeds and fertilizer. The Jones Family quickly increased the dairy herd size as the children grew older and became active in 4-H. As resources would allow, more farming equipment was purchased, and custom farming supplemented the spirit to expand crop acreage and the registered Holstein herd size.

For his first 4-H project in 1952, Marvin entered a grade calf in the Ross County Fair. Since the animal was young and not registered, it had no chance of winning the grand champion prize. Within a few months, Reuben purchased four registered cows and one special heifer for Marvin's 1953 4-H project. Yes, he did win with that animal, and the drive for more registered Holsteins was born; leading to a dairy herd noted for production and show winnings throughout the state and numerous national livestock contests. With a three-year-old cow, they won the coveted National Holstein Futurity in 1968.

During the 1950's and 60's, Reuben became very involved with agricultural activities in Ross and Pickaway Counties and statewide, and in 1970, he was appointed as Director of the Livestock and Dairy Division of the United States Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Washington, D.C.

On August 7, 1986 Reuben was inducted into the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame and on August 10, 1990 was inducted into the prestigious Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame. He died less than a month later on September 7th. His wife of ten years, Dorothy Ford-Jones, was appointed to complete Reuben's term as a member of the Ohio Expositions Commission. We are all grateful that he lived to receive these deserving awards and to be the first non-White to garner either honor.

Where are they now?

1. **Jenevee Keels-Jones**, now 88 years old, is living in Chillicothe.
2. **Dorothy Ford-Jones** is still serving on the Ohio Expositions Commission. She resides in Pickaway County.
3. **Marvin Henderson Jones** is semi-retired and living in Seagoville, Texas with his wife, Yvonne Jackson-Jones.
4. **Yvonne Mae Jones-Simmons** is retired following a long career as an educator and owner of daycare centers in Forest Park, Greenhills and Mason, Ohio. She resides in Mason.
5. **Eunice Faye Jones-Foster** is active in the Ministry of the First Baptist Church in Chillicothe, Ohio. She resides in Chillicothe.
6. **Lewis Russell Jones** is the chief of the Dairy Division for the State of Ohio and President of the Dairy Division of the National Association of Departments of Agriculture. He and his wife, Carol Harris-Jones, reside in Grove City.
7. **Raymond Reuben Jones** is a former executive with American Express Financial Advisors and currently a financial advisor with American Express. He and his wife, Diane May-Jones, reside in Reynoldsburg.

-Submitted by Lewis R. Jones

JONES (JONNES) FAMILY

Young doctor Nelson E. Jones moved to Circleville with his wife, Virginia Smith Jones, in 1853. He was the grandson of early Ross County settler who moved to Ohio in 1797. With them was their first child, Genevieve. Howard Jones was born soon after they arrived. Doctor N.E. Jones practiced medicine at 151 West Main Street, Circleville, Ohio, until his death in 1946. He once said that he thought he had delivered half the population of Pickaway County – an unlikely claim.

Virginia Smith Jones, daughter, Genevieve and son, Howard, created *The Nests and Eggs of the Birds of Ohio*, details of which are available in the Clark/May Museum.

Howard married Mary McMullin, daughter of the minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Samuel Hildeburn McMullin, who lived only a few years in Circleville. The Howard Joneses had five children who grew to adulthood. Hildeburn (Habe), Nelson Howard (died at age 15), Lillian, Lloyd, Eleanor, and Virginia. (Lloyd changed the spelling of the name to Jonnes at age 16.) They moved into the beautiful home, Park Place, just off North Court Street in 1895. The house burned in 1946 a few months after Dr. Howard's death.

Hildeburn married Florence Rector and had one son, Burn (1917-1991). They were divorced in 1938 and Habe married Helen Saradino of Cincinnati, Ohio. Lloyd married Barbara Lukemire of Williamsburg, Ohio in 1922. They had two sons, Lloyd, Jr. (1924-) and Nelson (1926-). Lloyd and Barbara were divorced in 1936 and Lloyd then married Dorothy Jones, daughter of Steve and Carolyn Jones of Fox Post Office (near Circleville). Lillian never married and died in 1935. Eleanor likewise never married. She was a registered nurse, lived and worked in many places returning frequently to Circleville. She died at age 90 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Virginia married Dale Kitzmiller of Philadelphia. They had two children, Virginia (1928-1996) and Michael (1931-). Virginia and Dale divorced in 1942. She remarried John Hedges of Connecticut in 1963.

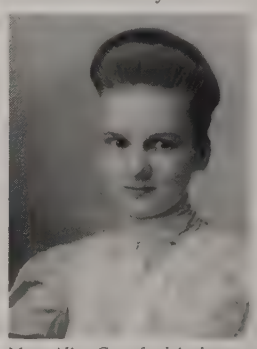
Lloyd graduated from Amherst College in 1912, and received an MD degree Cincinnati Medical School in 1918. He was a lieutenant in the US Navy for two years at Norfolk, married, then practiced medicine for a few months in Gnadenhutten, Ohio in 1923 before returning to Circleville where he practiced medicine at 151 West Main Street until his death in 1952. Dorothy started The Children's Shop at the site of the doctor's offices and operated it with her sister Janet and husband Charlie Boggs. Dorothy died in1993.

Extensive detail about many of these people is available at the Ohio Historical Society n Columbus. (Ask for the papers of Nelson Jonnes.) The Pickaway County Historical Society has a copy of *JONNES FAMILY RECORD*. There are no blood relatives of this Jones family presently living in Circleville.

-Submitted by Nelson Jonnes

CHRIS & BECKY JUSTICE FAMILY

David Christian "Chris" Justice is the second son of Larry and Cinda Justice. He is a graduate of Westfall High School and Rio Grande College, graduating Cum Laude with a degree in Communications. He excelled in football in high school being the leading pass receiver in the state of Ohio during his junior year and attended Boys State. He enjoyed participation in the Swing choir, and musicals and was Student Body President his senior year.



Mary Alice Crawford Anderson.
Maternal great grandmother of Chris Justice

He quickly began a career in Communications by volunteering to do color on the radio for football games while attending Rio Grande. His senior year there he was offered the Sports Directors job at the radio station in Gallipolis.

After graduation from Rio Grande he married his high school sweetheart, Rebecca Ann Cochran, daughter of Tom and Dee Cochran of Clark Lakes in Pickaway County. Chris had been offered a job at a TV station in Beckley, West Virginia, as a weekend Sports anchor. He and Becky moved to Oak Hill, West Virginia. There he met Mohammed Ali and Bobby Bowden and learned how to operate a film camera to do his own shooting of sports events. After two years there, Chris was chosen to be the Sports Director of a TV station in New Bern, North Carolina. Becky began working as a secretary for a dentist and it was there that their first child, a daughter, Jordan was born.

From New Bern, Chris auditioned for a sports job at NBC-6 in Charlotte, North Carolina. At this station he moved into News and is currently the main anchor of the evening news.

Charlotte has been the birthplace of their three other children, Caroline, Jake and Tyler. Another birth there was the Chris Justice Golf Tournament for Special Olympics to honor his younger brother, Tad.

Ancestors of Chris once lived in North Carolina and moved to Ohio at the beginning of the 1800's This connection comes through his maternal great grandmother, Mary "Mame" Crawford Anderson. Mame's first ancestor to Ohio was George Crawford b. 12/26/1801 in Delaware. The son of George Crawford and Lovey Short who married in New Castle, Delaware 8/31/1794. George Sr. died there before 1810. Lovey and three sons: George, Elisha, and Augustus came to Shawnee, Ohio circa 1825 in Perry County. George Jr. married Rebecca Rambo of Pennsylvania and moved to Pickaway County. They were parents of Augustus, Allen, Alfred, Eliza, Jane, Rachel, Maria, Hannah, Suzannah, Amanda, Sarah, Rebecca, and Solamon.

August, first son of George Jr. was b. 2/6/1838 at Shawnee. He married Martha Jane Tilley v. 4/16/1847 in Jackson, Ohio, the daughter of Benjamin Tilley and Mary Bheam. It was the Tilley family which moved to Ohio from North Carolina. Augustus and Martha were parents of Daniel, Virginia, William, Lewis, Charles, Plezza, George, John, Cleveland, Mary "Mame", and twins Nora and Cora.

Chris and Becky are very active in the Baptist Church in Charlotte. Chris is studying for a divinity degree and Becky is a soloist for the large choir. Their children also participate in the Christmas and Easter programs.

-Submitted by Chris Justice

LARRY JUSTICE FAMILY

George Larry Justice was born in Texas City, Texas to George Webster Justice and Olive Maud Shuster. Larry's mother, Olive was born in Chillicothe 4/24/1920 and died in Circleville, Ohio 1/23/1989. Her second husband was Robert C. Hettinger.

Olive's parents were Floyd Wanee Shuster (1899-1976), son of John E. Shuster and Olive Ann Osborn, and Golda M. Murphy (1900/1972), daughter of Thomas Murphy and Cora Maude Johnson. Olive's siblings were Harold, Paul, Margery and Charles. Olive's father was a retired Conductor on the B&O Railroad. (The Justice line is found in this book.)

Larry graduated from Circleville High School and served in the US Navy for a total of 7 years and retired from the Navy Reserves as a First Class Petty Officer Seabee and, in 1998, from DuPont. He graduated from Circleville High School and holds an Associates Degree from Ohio University. His occupation was in the field of electronics and business. He has served on the Mental Retardation Board and many committees in the program. He is a member of Emmett Chapel UMC, Sunday school Teacher and Treasurer, and Lay Delegate to conference. Both he and his wife are born again Christians. He and Cinda Anderson, born in Williamsport, Ohio to Earl and Justine Anderson (their history found in this book) were married in Williamsport in September 1965. They are the parents of three sons, Larry Michael, David Christian and Thaddaeus Lane. The family served 3 years in Newfoundland, Canada, with the Navy and Cinda taught in school on the base.

Michael, Tad & Chris, sons of Cinda & Larry Justice

Cinda graduated from Williamsport High School, Ohio University with a BS in Education and Ohio State University Reading Recovery Program. She retired from teaching in 1998 from the Westfall Local School District. She served on Boards for Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church, Mental Retardation, and Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Society, and volunteered at the Genealogy Library. She is an accredited McGown Rug Hooking Teacher and served on their National Board. She enjoys Lay Speaking at her church, Bible study, genealogy searching and is a published article writer. She is a life member of PCHGS, OGS, RCGS, and First Families of Ohio, First Families of Ross County, and Pioneer Families of Ross County.

Cinda's maternal grandparents were double second cousins and descendants of early settlers of Ohio before it became a state. Her grandmother, Mary Chenoweth (3/16/1887-3/28/1977) m. 10/28/1908 William Robison Bales (7/13/1889-10/2/1959). Mary's parents – Elmer Chenoweth and Abigail Alexander; grandparents, Elijah Chenoweth and Susan Pringle; great grandparents John Foster Chenoweth (who served in the Ohio legislature) and Margaret Ferguson; great great grandparents Eliah Chenoweth and Rachel Foster who came to Ohio in 1799 and settled near Harrisburg. He was the son of Thomas Chenoweth and Mary Prickett. Thomas was the son of John Chenoweth and Mary (?).

Justine's father, William "Rob" Bales was the son of Elijah Bales and Mary Robison, Elijah the son of Moses Bales and Rachael Chenoweth (daughter of John Foster Chenoweth above and Moses's sister Catherine m. William Pringle father of Susan Pringle above) Moses the son of Thomas Bales and Jane Graves, Thomas son of William Bales and Mary (?). In the combined families there were veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, both World Wars, and Vietnam. There were also two Methodist Circuit Riders. Rev. John Foster and Rev. Agustine Munson Alexander, who once served the Deercreek Circuit in Darbyville.

-Submitted by Cinda Anderson Justice

MICHAEL & KELLY JUSTICE FAMILY

The earliest Justice known to the family was Francis Justice, a Union Soldier in the Civil War who served with the 73rd reg. Co. D of the OVI. He enlisted 11/1/1861 and was discharged 12/30/1864. He received a gun shot wound of the hand and forearm in Resaca, Georgia, disabling his left hand. He was b. circa 1843. He was married 6/23/1868 to Elizabeth Ann Davis b. 1848 in Greenland, Ross County. They were parents of Sarah Ellen 8/6/1869, Minnie Victoria 2/20/1871, Mahala Jane 1/13/1873, William Allen 1/9/1875, Lulu Etta 7/7/1877, David Franklin 11/2/1879, John 3/27/1881, Elmer 9/7/1884 – 2/11/1913, Bessie 2/17/1887, Emmitt 9/26/1889, Elias Harrison 5/30/1892. Francis died in Pickaway County, Ohio 9/4/1922 and was buried at Brown Chapel near Clarksburg, Ohio. (His enlistment states in 1861 he was light complexioned, blue eyes, light hair and 5'10".)

Olive & George Justice with son, Larry. Michael's father and grandparents

William Allen Justice 1/9/1875 – 2/13/1951, a farmer, married 1/7/1898 Minnie Boots in Ross

County. They were the parents of 10 children; Myrtle 1899, Grace 1900, William 1902, Herbert 1904, Harold 1906, Clara Jane 1908, Jacob 2/4/1915, Rosa Marie 1917, George Webster 4/30/1920, James Franklin 1923. They resided in Atlanta, Perry Township and Yellowbud in Wayne Township. Both are buried in Springbank Cemetery, Ross County.

George son of William and Minnie Justice and his brother Jacob joined the service in 1941. George had an emergency appendectomy and was transferred to another company. He was sent to Camp Hood, Texas and was married to Olive Shuster in Texas City, Texas 4/30/42 on his 22nd birthday. Their only child, George Larry, was born there in 1943. Olive and Larry returned to Chillicothe when George went overseas. He served under Maj. Hawlsey and Gen. McArthur. He was on a Navy Ship headed for Guadacanal on his 24th birthday, was in the first wave to go into Japan and had equipment to set up a beach head when the bomb hit. He returned home landing in California on a Navy ship in October 1945. A dirigible played music over the ship and the men landed to an 8-course meal. He earned ribbons: America Defense, Asiatic/Pacific Theater with two bronze stars, Philippine Liberation with 1 bronze star, Good Conduct Medal, Military Occupational Light, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Rifle Sharp Shooter Badge.

George Larry Justice, son of George W. served in the US Navy after graduation aboard an LSD-35 and did two tours of duty in the Philippines in his first enlistment, and 8 years later rejoined the Seabees for 4 years.

Larry Michael Justice joined the US Navy after graduation from Westfall High School where he excelled in football and enjoyed participation in the Swing Choir and Musicals. While serving in the Ceremonial Guard in Washington DC, he met Maureen Kelly Smith, born in Fairbanks, Alaska, daughter of a military couple who retired from the U.S. Air Force, William Burt Smith and Audrey Rose Furnal of Maryland.

While in the Navy, Michael also served aboard the aircraft carrier, The USS America. During his service earned 2 Presidential Unit Accommodation Ribbons, Expert pistol and rifle ribbons, Good Conduct and the Navy Achievement Medal for helping to save a man's life while off duty. He continued to serve in the Naval Reserves for several years and has served as a Police Officer in Circleville, and Columbus. He assists with coaching little league football in Circleville.

Kelly Justice has a degree in Journalism from the University of Maryland. She is an accomplished paralegal and has worked in that capacity in Washington DC, and Columbus. She and Michael married in Maryland before coming to Ohio to live. They have three children, Emily Justine, William Anderson and Evan Michael.

-Submitted by Michael Justice

WESLEY E. & DOLLY GRABILL JUSTUS

Wesley E. Justus was born April 1866 to William and Lucinda B. Justus. He died April 1866 in Circleville. He was a road and bridge contractor. He built and repaired them. He also painted bridges. He married Dolly Ann Grabill, daughter of William R. Grabill and Mary A. Crabb.

Dolly Ann Grabill Justus was born January 1868 and died March 1892 of Consumption or TB, as it is called today.

Wesley and Dolly had four children.

Kathern Marie Justus was born June 1885 and died May 1907. She died of Consumption or TB on what was to be her wedding day in Zwicker Park. She is buried in Palestine Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Cora Victoria Justus was born November 1887 and died October 1966. She married Harry W. Riffle in 1911 in Circleville. Harry was born 1890 and died 1960. They lived in Saltcreek Township and Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. They had seven children, of whom 5 lived to be adults. They are buried in Forest Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio.

William Monroe Justus was born 1890 and died 1977. He married Doris A. Smith. They had one son, Jack. They are buried in Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Fayette/Pickaway Counties, Ohio.

Geneva Palmer Justus was born 1891 and died 1969. She married Howard Young. He was born 1888 and died 1965. Howard was a stationary engineer at Circleville water works. They had no children. They are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio.

After Dolly died he married Marie Debus in 1915. Marie died in 1971 and is buried in Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Pickaway/Fayette County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Martha M. Riffle

MILES A. KAHLER FAMILY

Miles Kahler, originally from Hardin County, Ohio, served as an army sergeant in the 37th Division during World War II. Following the war, he was a farmer and operated a grain elevator in Kenton, Ohio. He relocated to Pickaway County in April 1961 along with wife Rose, son Michael and daughter Jill.

May 25, 1966. High school graduation . Mike Kahler from Westfall H.S. Photo taken at Clark's Lake, Darby twp. L-R: Jill, Rose, Mike & Miles Kahler

The family lived on London Road in Darby Township where they were engaged in farming. In addition to farming, Miles was later involved in the excavation business up until the time of his retirement. He also served as Darby Township Zoning Inspector. Miles and Rose resided in Darby Township until 1995 when they relocated to London, Ohio.

Jill Kahler married Randy Smith from near Five Points in 1973. She is employed by Grant Hospital in Columbus. Michael Kahler graduated from Ohio State University and served in Vietnam as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was married in Circleville in 1975 and has resided in the Ashville area since that time. Mike is employed by Motorists Mutual Insurance Company in Columbus. He has two sons, Stephen and David, who attended Teays Valley Schools. Stephen graduated from Otterbein College and is employed by a Columbus law firm. David graduated from Ohio University and is a computer consultant in Columbus.

-Submitted by Michael Kahler

EVELYN & JAY KAISER

Evelyn Myers was born in Circleville, Ohio to Chet and Viola Myers on February 28, 1941 and moved to Williamsport, Ohio in 1946 with her siblings, Shelvia, George and David. She attended the Williamsport School and graduated in 1959.

George Ray & Evelyn Kaiser

She worked at the Root Beer Stand, Montgomery Ward, Columbus State Office Building and DuPont. She attended Ohio University and graduated in 1973 with a degree in Education. She substituted for 2 years, then was hired full time in the Teays Valley School District in 1975. She taught fifth and third grades at Ashville, then third, fourth, and fifth grade classes at Scioto. She quit in 1995 to spend the winters in Florida. In 2001, she retired.

Now she likes to sew cement goose outfits, can different kinds of pickles, make strawberry freezer jam, bake cookies, cakes, and pies and go scavenger hunting to yard sales.

George Ray "Jay" Kaiser was born on March 14, 1938 in Walnut Township to Harriett and George H. Kaiser. The family moved to their grandfather's farm in 1943. He attended the Scioto School and graduated in 1956. Afterwards he served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1958, stationed in Illesheim, Germany with the 54th Helicopter Transport Battalion.

He worked at DuPont from 1958 to 1993 in casting then as Area Superintendent in Finishing and Converting. After retirement he had hobbies

of gardening, mowing, making furniture, building structures and fixing things.

On March 25, 1961 Evelyn and Jay were married at the Williamsport United Methodist Church and became parents of Jerri Lynn on January 13, 1962 and Jeffrey Alan on January 13, 1964. We lived in Williamsport from 1961 to 1986 then built a new home on Kingston Pike. For the last ten years, we have spent the winters in our home in Winter Haven, Florida.

While in Williamsport, Jay served on the Board of Public Affairs. He is a member of the United Methodist Church, writes the monthly newsletter, has served in all offices within the church, and is a Sunday School teacher.

Evelyn has been active in several churches: the Williamsport United Methodist Church during her younger years, the Nazarene for 35 years where she helped with dramas, taught Junior Church and adult Sunday School Classes, she now attends Crossroads and Good Shepherd, and while in Florida, they attend the Presbyterian Church.

They have traveled to all 50 states, cruised Alaska, the Eastern and Western Caribbean, Panama Canal, Central and South America, also Canada and Mexico. Jay traveled to Europe several times on DuPont business and also visited relatives in Germany. He visited several countries while in the service.

We have six precious grandchildren, Sarah and Zack from Jerri and Andy Jackson; Elise, Michaela, Gabriel, and Christina from Linda and Jeff Kaiser. They are the lights of our lives.

As Christians, God has blessed our lives beyond measure. We try to love, laugh, and serve others each day. We are living a wonderful life.

-Submitted by Evelyn Kaiser

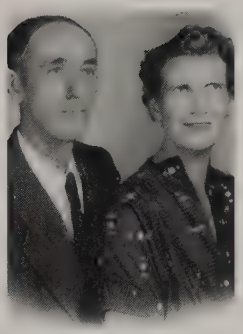
GEORGE HENRY KAISER FAMILY

George Henry Kaiser was born May 30, 1910 in Pickaway County to John Henry and Christine Schneider Kaiser. He married Harriett Lucille Cullums on June 14, 1934 in Greenup, Kentucky. Harriett was born on December 12, 1916 in Circleville, Ohio to Ray and Ethel Florence Hugh Cullums. Ray Cullums fell as a victim of the Flu Epidemic of 1918. After his death, Harriett's mother remarried and she was raised by her stepfather, Roland Brintlinger.

George drove a school bus for Walnut Township and later worked at Orient State Institute for several years. He was a member of the Fire Department. Harriett worked as a nurse for a few years at Orient State Institute. Together they raised six children in Scioto Township.

John Henry born June 7, 1936, married Marilyn May Davis on February 27, 1957. She was born May 10, 1941. They had three children: Lisa Annette born on January 22, 1958; Julie Ann born on December 16, 1962; and Steven Lee born on June 15, 1965.

George Ray born March 14, 1938, married Evelyn Irene Myers on March 25, 1961. She was born on February 28, 1941. They had two children: Jerri Lynn born on January 13, 1962 and Jeffrey Alan born on January 13, 1964.



George Henry & Harriett Lucille Cullums Kaiser

Robert Eugene born on November 3, 1939, married Julia Kinsell on June 4, 1963. She was born on June 12, 1943. They had two children: Kevin Eugene born on January 31, 1964 and Craig Aaron born on March 30, 1966.

Richard Cullums born on July 10, 1941, married Norma Sealock on August 17, 1963. She was born on September 2, 1943. They had four children: Kimberly Kay born August 12, 1965; Melanie Sue born July 19, 1967; Kerry Eugene born March 2, 1970; and Kyle Richard born on February 6, 1973. Richard married the second time to Sharon Lockington who was born on December 19, 1942. Her daughter, Donna Lockington, was born on February 19, 1973.

Ethel Christine born on December 29, 1942, married Clark Lee Casto on February 22, 1963. Clark was born on April 18, 1936. He had a daughter, Gloria Lynn, born on August 15, 1959. Together they had two daughters: Christina Sue born March 15, 1966, and Melissa Ann born on August 2, 1967.

Karen Sue born on September 25, 1949, married William Patrick Rowe and had two children: Angela Sue born on February 4, 1969, and William Patrick II born on May 21, 1973. Karen married the second time to George Craig Woods on September 11, 1982. Craig was born April 5, 1952.

After a lifetime of working and raising six children, George and Harriett retired to Williamsport, Ohio and lived there until each of them passed away. George died on February 4, 1984, at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Harriett died on March 20, 2003, at Berger Hospital in Circleville. They were both laid to rest in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

-Submitted by George Ray Kaiser

JOHN HENRY KAISER FAMILY

Johann Justus Kaiser was born on December 30, 1877, in Singlis, Hessen Kassel, Germany, to George and Elizabeth Beidebach Kaiser. He had six siblings: Eliese, Martha, Elsie, Elizabeth, Heinrich, and Sabina. Not particularly wanting to serve in the German military during the years leading up to World War I, Johann decided in 1898 to immigrate to the United States. His father's siblings. Henry and Martha Kaiser had settled in Pickaway County in the late 1870's. Sometime during this transition, Johann's name was Americanized to John Henry Kaiser.

Christine Schnieder was born on May 30, 1878, near Koln, Germany, to Conrad and Marie Kauffner Schnieder. She immigrated to New York City in 1898. During her stay in New York City, she fell in love with a young man who worked on the Hudson Canal. He died while building the Canal, but Christine gave birth to a daughter. Elizabeth Christine was born on September 2, 1904, in New York City, New York.

John learned of this and traveled to New York to bring Christine and baby Elizabeth back to Pickaway County. John and Christine were married on December 6, 1904, and raised Elizabeth as his own.

John Henry & Christine Schneider Kaiser

John and Christine had five children together. Mary Elizabeth was born on October 9, 1908; George Henry was born on May 30, 1910; Henry John was born on April 30, 1914; Arthur Frederick was born on September 25, 1917; and Anna Martha was born on June 14, 1919.

John was a farmer by trade. German was the primary language spoken in the household until young Elizabeth came home one day from school and said she had gotten into trouble for not speaking English. From that time forward, Christine made it a rule that only English was to be spoken in the house. Although on occasion, John was known to lament in German. Henry passed away in December of 1931 at the age of 17 from scarlet fever. Henry, Art, and Anna all graduated from Walnut Township High School. Neither John nor Christine ever became naturalized citizens.

Christine passed away on December 24, 1932. John passed away on August 23, 1967. They are both laid to rest in Reber Hill Cemetery in Walnut Township.

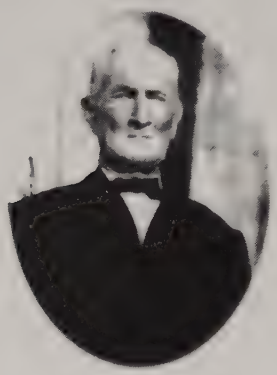
John only returned to his beloved homeland once since his immigration in 1898. He and daughter, Anna, visited for a month in 1955. There was a large article in the Columbus Dispatch with a picture of John with his siblings. In June of 2001, my father and I traveled to Germany and found the quiet village of Singlis. Communication was difficult, since nobody but the school age children spoke any English. But when they recognized the name Kaiser, what a commotion it raised. The old timers in the village told us about the huge party they had when Justus had come home. What a thrill it was to visit the birthplace of my great grandfather, Johann Justus Kaiser.

-Submitted by Jerri Jackson

KINNEAR FAMILY

Originally from Scotland, the family had taken the name from the lands of Kinnear in the 12th century. The name is Celtic derived from Gaelic and was first recorded as DaKyner, meaning "of the land of height or headland".

The James Kinnear family migrated from Scotland to Londonderry, Ireland around 1685 and later to near Carrick, on the Shannon River, County Leitrim, Ireland. After *their death*, all the living children of James' great-grandson, William and his wife Jane Simpson Kinnear, emigrated with their families to America between 1791 and 1795. They were Andrew, Alexander, Margaret and Robert Kinnear. Ann and William Kinnear, whose parents William and Eleanor Carney Kinnear, had died, came with their uncle Alexander.



Stephen Kinnear

Andrew and Mary Delamar Kinnear brought a growing family with them from County Leitrim to Pickaway County. They both died in Pickaway County, he in 1824, she in 1835 and are buried in Whisler Cemetery. Their children were William; David; Andrew (Reverend) lived in Pickaway County 1814-1824, moved to Marion County, Ohio; Francis, Pickaway County sheriff from 1820 to 1825; Margaret, died in Indiana; Mary, married Michael Earnest in 1811, Pickaway County, died in Kansas; James; and Samuel, married Hannah McCutcheon in Circleville 1826, married Ellen Hill, Pickaway County 1830, died in Franklin County, Ohio.

David Kinnear was born in Ireland September 19, 1779, married Mary Ann Koch in Pennsylvania in 1802 and moved to Pickaway County around 1806. He farmed the land he owned in Salt Creek Township, served the county as Clerk at the formation of the county, was one of the three original county commissioners, the first county recorder and surveyor, county auditor and judge. He died in 1850, she in 1851 and they are both buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. The children of David and Mary Ann Kinnear were Joseph, married Mary Sullivan, Ross County 1827; Benjamin, married Catherine Spencer, Pickaway County 1829; Phoebe, born Pickaway Township, Ross County 1807, married John P. Monnett, Pickaway County 1825; Charles, died Illinois; David, died Kansas; Stephen A., married Mary Williams; Mary, married Thomas Monnett, Pickaway County 1842; William, married Esther Saylor, Pickaway County 1843; Magdelena, married Hugh Wilson, Pickaway County 1842; and Richard, died Kansas.

Stephen A. Kinnear was born in Pickaway County September 1, 1813. Mary Harris Williams was born there January 13, 1821. They married in 1839, owned and worked two farms until shortly before his death in 1880. Stephen Kinnear was a Pickaway County neighbor, farmer, businessman and local Methodist preacher. His diaries or daily logs for the years 1862, 1863 and 1879 are documented on the USGenWeb Project, Pickaway County, Ohio Genealogy Page. The entries contain the names of numerous residents of the area and provide interesting detail of life at that time. Their children were Albert C., married Isabella Dudley, Pickaway County 1868. He was a hospital steward during the Civil War, in the 90th Reg. Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Nelson F., attended Ohio Wesleyan University 1863-64, married Theodocia Carpenter 1879; Josephine, attended Delaware Female College, Delaware, Ohio 1862, married James Harrison Jones 1875, moved to Columbus; Elizabeth; Anna, married Lewis Bryant, moved to Kentucky.

Early Pickaway County families with branches in the Kinnear family tree are Caldwell, Carpenter, Gulick, Jones, Monnett, Reichelderfer, Renick, Saylor, Seymour, Strous, Stumpf and Williams.

-Submitted by Sherry Kinnear Stagg

KLINE-MURPHY

William Murphy was born in Ireland in 1818. He migrated to Pickaway County and married Mary Shephard. They raised 11 children: Nathan, Belinda, Nancy, Lucinda "Effie" (m. George Jones), Edward (m. Carrie Hough), Sara Jane (m. Hastings), Grace, John "Jack", Albert, Abby (m. Charlie Bennett), and Hafed (m. Jessie Louisa Mace).

William, Mary and their family lived for many years in the lock tender's house at the Ohio and Erie Canal Lock #33 near Whiskey Switch, the Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley Railroad crossing along Canal Road in Wayne Township. William was the lock tender when Hafed Murphy was born in 1859.

Hafed and wife Jessie had 9 children: Jesse, Louisa, Naomi (m. Charles Zurmehly), Ina, Charlotte "Lottie" (m. Walter Derexson), Stella Layton (b. 1895, d. 1969), Hared, Jr. (m. Bernice Ott), Maud Ellen (m. Louis Helwig) and Mabel Ruth (m. Almond Crockett). The family was raised in Yellowbud, a Ross County canal boomtown known for it's boat "dry docks" and located just south of the Pickaway County line.

In 1915, Stella Layton Murphy married David Earl Kline (b. 1892, d. 1964). Dave was the youngest of 11 children born to George Kline, a prosperous farmer, storekeeper and canal boat owner. George's brother, Henry, contracted to build a portion of the canal. Stella and Dave lived near the banks of the canal and parented 8 children. George David (b. 1916, d. 2004) was a farmer, township trustee and storekeeper. In 1942, he married Iona Beatrice Easter (b. 1924, d. 1998); Kathryn Louisa (m. Donald Clark); Richard Earl (m. Betty McQuarter, Liza Jane Lovely); Matilda Belle (m. Robert Peck; Vernal Thomas); Charles Grover (1924-1925); Twins: Mary Ann (m. William Hoffman, Jr.) and Martha Jane (m. James Peters) and John (m. Patricia Walter).

George David and Iona Kline lived on Dungan Road in Wayne Township for 28 years before retiring to his homeplace along the canal. Their 6 children are: George Roger (b.1942) known for his giant pumpkins; Richard David (b.1944) a U.S. Army Veteran, farmer and elected Wayne Township Trustee for 21 years; Linda Evelyn (m. Joseph Darnell) lives on Immell Road; Kay Ann (m. Paul David Jacobs) works for Circleville schools. She and Paul reside in Circleville with sons Justin and Jevan; Kris Alan (m. Sharon K. Snyder) earned a degree in Optometry and with Sharon opened the Kline Vision Center on Court Street, Circleville, and raised sons Kelton (m. Hillary Roe), Kyron and Kabron; and Ken Eric (m. Sandra Malone) works for the Circleville Water Department.

In 1968, Richard David "Dick" Kline married Loche Louise MacKenzie. She is the daughter of Circleville residents, John and Madeline MacKenzie. Dick and Loche established themselves at Kline Krest Farms which borders the old Ohio and Erie Canal along State Route 104. They farmed and lived at that location for 27 years with their 3 daughters Tonja (m. Carl Reichley and relocated to Denver, Colorado); Mitzi (b.1970, works for Franklin County Board of Health); and Amber (m. Kevin Saeger, she now lives in Canal Winchester). Dick and Loche have 3 granddaughters, Savannah and Noelle Saeger and Clarise Ella Reichley.

-Submitted by Loche Kline

AUGUST KOCH

August Koch was a native of Prussia, a province of Germany and was born May 10, 1823. He was married to Hannah Dorothea Gehring in Germany and shortly afterward immigrated to this country, settling in Chillicothe, Ohio. August owned and farmed 125 acres in Huntington Township, Ross County and later moved to Pickaway County occupying the Isaac Stage farm located north of Circleville, Ohio. A few years later, he purchased the farm he had occupied since 1874. It stretched from Stage's Pond to the Scioto River. He and Hannah had three sons and two daughters.

Charles, b. 18 August 1845 in Prussia, Germany, d. 5 January 1905, m. 15 October 1878 Barbara Elizabeth Dorn, b. 27 October 1850 in Ross County, Ohio. Children were: Bertha, m. John L. Hunsicker, Williamsport, Ohio; Elizabeth, b. October 1873, m. W.J. Graham, Circleville, Ohio; Albert, b. August 1874; and Earl A., b. August 1890.

August, b. September 1850, d. October 1912, m. Anna Gergeans, b. April 1857, d. June 1919. Both are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio.

James had four sons and a daughter: Henry,

George, Edward, Harry and Rosell. They resided in Lancaster, Ohio.

Julia, b. 1871, m. 1890 William Schwartz, b. 1869. They had one child, Christian and resided in Circleville.

Bertha married John Raush and resided in Marysville, Ohio.

After the death of his first wife, August married Elizabeth Smith Kramer in 1871. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Smith of Germany and the widow of Adam Kramer who died in 1865 of hardships of the Civil War. Elizabeth, who resided in Chillicothe, moved to Pickaway County with her two children: Carrie and Adam.

Carrie Kramer, b. August 1883, m. George C. Gerhardt in 1889 at the home of her stepfather August Koch in Walnut Township, Pickaway County. George was the son of George and Caroline Blum Gerhardt. In 1900, he purchased the farm home "Pleasant View Farm" along Darby Creek near Fox Post Office in Jackson Township, Pickaway County. In 1904, he built a brick estate on the farm which is still standing. Carrie and George had a son and two daughters: Harry Smith, who drowned at the age of 15, Marguerite Elizabeth and Hazel Katherine, who married Oliver P. Clutts. The Clutts' children were Betty and Robert.

Charles Adam Kramer, b. August 1865, m. 1897 Melinda (Minnie) Louise Schweyer (Swoyer) b. 1871. They lived in Circleville 9 years at 155 W. High Street and moved to North Dakota to live on a homestead. Charles d. 1945 and Minnie d. 1913. They had two boys and two girls: Elizabeth Ferne, b. 1897, m. 1922 Frank Nicholas Zook, b. 1898; Robert Charles, b. 1907, d. 1957; Roy Kenneth, b. 1910, d. 1953; and Helen Annette, b. 1912, married a Neudeck and later an Anderson.

The children of Mr. Koch anglicized the spelling of the family name from Koch to Cook, but August hung tenaciously to the old spelling and never changed it.

Elizabeth Koch died August 1924 at the home of her daughter, Anna Ritt, and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. August Koch died in 1906, at the age of 83, and is buried in Grandview Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio.

August and Elizabeth Koch had two daughters and a son.

Alma, b. 1875, d. 1969, m. 1905 Mervyn C. Jennings, b. 1882, d. 1968. Their children were Helen who married Lewis Culp; Margaret who married Floyd Minshall; William who married an Elizabeth; Charles who married a Gertrude; and Robert L., b. 1920, d. 1968. The Jennings resided in Columbus, Ohio.

Anna A., b. 1879, d. 1968, m. George Benjamin Ritt, b. 1866, d. 1916. They had three daughters and a son: Mary Elizabeth m. Seyford Betz; Isabelle m. Joseph Stratton; Mildred, who married Cecil Kerr and George B., b. 1908, d. 1930 in an auto accident. The family lived at 150 W. Union Street, Circleville, Ohio.

William Frederick, b. 1882, d. 1963, m. 1911 Ada May Lindsey, b. 1881, d. 1957. Both are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville. Ada was a 1902 graduate of Everts High School. Her parents were Samuel and Amelia A. (Newlon) Lindsey. Her father was a teacher for 16 years until 1890 and a farmer for 10 years in Muhlenberg Township, Pickaway County. He erected the first cement block house on his farm. He molded the blocks by hand. Later he moved to Circleville and built another cement block house at Park Place. He lived at 131 Park Place and both his home and the cement block house are still standing.

Clyde L. Cook Family, 1972. Bottom row, L-R: Cynthia Krahn (7), Elaine, Clyde, Doug (3). Second row: Gary Lee (11), and Cindy Lynn (15)

William, son of Fred, lived in the house and raised his family. Today, Pauline and their daughter, Ann still reside at the Lindsey home place.

Ada had a brother, William Lewis, b. 1878 who died at the age of 15 and a sister named Fleta Nell.

Fleta Nell, b. 1895 taught school and raised dahlias. She married Charles Milton Beatty, who owned and farmed 400 acres in Muhlenberg Township. He also raised Poland China hogs. They had no children and are both buried in Muhlenberg Cemetery.

Fred and his wife, Ada, lived on his dad's farm and was a successful farmer. United States Route 23 divided the farm and you could see the Koch name on the barn roof from the highway.

The home place was destroyed by fire during World War II. Samuel, Fred's son, looking out the window of a passenger train on his way to war, saw the flames as he passed his home. A smaller home was built to replace the large estate that burned to the ground. Fred also raised silver foxes on his farm. It was called the Central Ohio Black Silver Fox Ranch. Ada was a horticulturist and had large dahlia and gladioli gardens.

Fred and Ada were the parents of three sons: William Lindsey called "Bud", Charles Clyde called "Jack" and Samuel Frederick called "Pete".

William, b. 1912, d. 2001, m. 1941 Helen Pauline Johnson, b. 1921. They had a son and two daughters.

William Alexander, b. 1943, m. Peggy Hutton Tootle, b. 1943. Their children are: William Randall, b. 1964, m. 2004 Joanna Grace Sharma; Dr. Tracy Lin, b. 1967, m. David Eric Crouse and their children are: Jason Alexander, Bradley Thomas and Megan Christine. They reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Lindsey Diane, b. 1948, m. 1971 Robert James Susor, b. 1945. They have two children: Kathleen Ann, m. Jim Cummings and their son, William Lindsey (named after his grandfather). Robert Alexander, at home. They reside in Marietta, Georgia.

Dorothy Ann, b. 1950, lives at home with her mother at 131 Park Place, Circleville.

William was a horticulturist, an avid gardener and flower arranger. He raised pumpkins and built floats for the annual Pumpkin Show.

Charles Clyde, b. 1914, d. 1988, m. 1931 Ruby Ellen Thornton, b. 1916, d. 1992. They had three sons and two daughters.

Lois Evelyn, b. 1932, m. 1955 Gene Paul "Pete" Wadlington, b. 1932. They had a son and a daughter.

Terry Lee, b. 1961, m. 1983 Beth Ann Bell, b. 1960. Their children are Kyle Lee, b. 1988, Eric Jordan, b. 1991, Morgan Elizabeth, b. 1995, Evan Roy, b. 1997, and Emma Catherine, b. 1998.

Kristy Kay, b. 1971, m. 1994 Wesley Arledge, b. 1965. Their two children are Amanda Kay, b. 1995 and Tyler Wesley, b. 2000.

Clyde Lindsey "Sonny", b. 1935, m. 1956 Eleanor Elaine Woodward, b. 1939, the daughter of Gerald G. and Hazel L. Woodward.

Clyde was employed at Clifton Motor Sales, Inc. for 31 years, served 8 years as a Circleville Township trustee and President of the Pickaway County Historical Society. He started his second career in 1989 by establishing the first private ambulance service in Pickaway County. He and his wife, Elaine, operate, with the help of their children, Pickaway Plains Ambulance Service, Inc. located at 1950 Stoneridge Drive, Circleville. They had one daughter and two sons. They raised a foster daughter, Cynthia Krahn.

Cindy Lynn, b. 1957, m. 1986 John Mark Kinney, b. 1954. Their children are Kendra Christine, b. 1984 and Timothy Danford, b. 1987.

Gary Lee Woodward, b. 1961, m. Sherri Lyn Rader, b. 1961. Their children are James Matthew, b. 1980, m. 2002 Jennifer Runion, b. 1982 and Phillip Ryan, b. 1983, m. Latosha Lynette Hunt, b. 1982. Their children are Payton Olivia, b. 2001 and Conner Ryan, b. 2003. Branden Lee Woodward, b. 1987 and Victoria Kaitlyn, b. 1989.

Douglas Michael, b. 1969, m. 1988 Heidi Ann Kirk, b. 1971. Their children are Nathaniel Douglas, b. 1989, Lindsay Elaine, b. 1991, and Alexander Michael, b. 1994.

Jack Wendell, b. 1939, m. 1961 Juanita Marie Grant, b. 1937. They had two sons and a daughter. Brian Jay, b. 1968, d. 2002 of a heart attack. He married and his children are Leah,

b. 1994 and Cameron, b. 1999. Bradley Allen, b. 1972, lives at home. Sherry Lee, b. 1972, m. Kevin Quincel, b. 1975. Children are Jarrett, b. 2000 and Noah, b. 2003.

Jack retired from the State of Ohio, Department of Taxation.

Gary Lee, b. 1943, d. 1959 in a plane crash at the age of 15.

Brenda Kay, b. 1947, m. 1969 David Lloyd Cupp, b. 1946. They had one daughter and one son. Lori Ellen, b. 1969, m. 1993 Robert Kessler Tyler, Jr., b. 1965. Their son Casey Kessler, b. 1995. Chad David, b. 1974, m. 2000 Tonya Ilene Clark, b. 1976. Their son, Caden David, b. 2003.

Charles Clyde lived on and farmed the George Gerhardt farm in Jackson Township, Pickaway County. He later moved to Circleville on Edison Avenue. He owned and operated a fleet of trucks. He transported canned goods for the local canneries and livestock for the farmers. Clyde and Ruby built a new home on North Court Street, Circleville, and retired in Logan Elm Village, Circleville. They are both buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, along with their son, Gary Lee and their grandson, Brian Jay.

Samuel Frederick, b. 1915, m. 1942 Dorothy Adeline Hoffman, b. 1919. They had one son, Bruce Frederick, b. 1947, m. Judy Lyn Moats, b. 1947. They had a daughter, Stacy Lyn, b. 1974, m. Brent Planck and had a son Cody. Stacy and family live in Hilliard, Ohio. Bruce later married Vicky Hildenbrand and they have a daughter, Haley A., b. 1987.

Samuel retired from Dupont. He served on City Council and is a World War II Veteran. At the age of 89 he is still very active and resides in Circleville.

Prior to Fred Cook's death, he sold a portion of his land to Floral Hills Cemetery, Circleville. William, his son, is buried there. After his death the farm which belonged to him and his father, August, was inherited by his three sons. The farm was sold to the Bowers family.

-Submitted by E. Elaine Cook

WILLIAM ELSWORTH KOCH

William Elsworth Koch was born December 7, 1865 in Adelphi, Ohio, the son of Daniel and Nancy (Hibbons) Koch. He was born prematurely and his mother kept him pinned to the pillow so she would not lose him. He was the 9th child of seven sisters and one brother. In his lifetime he worked at many things. He farmed, owned a General Store in Duvall, Ohio, ran a huckster wagon and made brooms in Carroll, Ohio. He was constantly designing new inventions to make work easier. He had numerous patents.

William married Fanny Florence Shannon on December 25, 1895, the daughter of William and Eliza (Gunnett) Shannon. They lived in northern Pickaway County in the Duvall and Ashville area. They had five children: Chester; Tiny Marguerite and a baby boy who where born prematurely and died early; Burleigh Ray, who lived until he was 18 years old and died of a muscular degenerative disease; Mildred Alice, the only child to survive to adulthood, who later married Charles Mayberry.

Fanny Shannon Koch was a homebody who enjoyed getting together with her extended family. She was a strict mother but kind to all. She died of a heart attack at home on December 31, 1919 at age 47. When her doctor urged her to lie down, she begged him to not make her, as she knew she would die. This was her final word as she died.

William Elsworth Koch, Fanny Florence Shannon, & son, Burleigh Ray

The cornfield seemed to provide an opportunity for William. He first invented a corn sled that was horse drawn. Corn fodder being of importance for feeding stock, William designed his corn sled so that the farmer could grab the corn as it was cut and put it in shocks. He had mild success with this machine. Others designed corn sleds similarly.

William kept his designs in the seed barrel of his corn planter to protect them from mice. William was issued a patent on February 10, 1930 for his corn harvester. This was near the beginning of the mechanical revolution. Ears of corn remained on the stalk but it bound the stalks and pushed them out of a chamber by a mechanical arm, and lowered them to the ground and stacked them in shocks.

William later revised his Corn Harvester design to shuck the corn from the stalks before the stalks were shocked. The rake teeth that do this function are still being used today on corn pickers and still have the same principle even though they have been improved.

By 1920 William owned a General Store in Duvall, Ohio. In November of that year the store caught fire. His daughter Mildred was living with him. Their dog jumped through a window to awaken them. All goods were lost. He never reopened a store. He later married again for a short time to Ida Mae Jones Snook of Carroll, Ohio.

Still busy inventing, he moved in with his now married daughter, Mildred and family. He died on February 17, 1934 at age 69. He was embalmed at their home and buried at Fernwood Cemetery, near Lockbourne, Ohio.

-Submitted by Susan Mayberry-Bernadzikowski

PAUL KRAMLICH

Paul Kramlich came to Pickaway County, Ohio, from Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He later was a soldier in the War of 1812. Paul's son was William (Cromlich) Cromley, who, in 1803, rode a horse to the Chillicothe Land Grant Office, to buy the farm on Walnut Creek. Upon arrival in Chillicothe, another gentleman was ahead of William to buy the farm. However, William had the gold in his saddlebags and the other man on had paper money. At this time he purchased approximately 1500 acres, later buying additional tracts.

During this time, his father-in-law, Richard Staige, settled in Walnut Township also. He had accumulated his money building the Ohio Canal from Columbus to Portsmouth, Ohio.

William and Sarah Staige Cromley had 2 children, one being Thaddeus Edward who was born by cesarean section, on the dining room table, that is still in the original farmhouse. The birth made headline in the 1843 newspaper, as being the first and only cesarean, east of the Mississippi, where the mother and baby both survived.

-Submitted by Thomas Lynn Conner

LANDS FAMILY

The Lands family began in Pickaway County in 1946 when Frank Robert (b.1922, d.1992) married the daughter of Merrill (Dick) and Grace (Delong) Bowman, Mary Kathryn (b.1922, d.2002). Frank grew up in Chancey, Athens County with his parents, James Franklin and Effie Jane (Green) Lands and siblings. Frank met Mary K. while she was earning her teaching degree in home economics at Ohio University, Athens. Frank served in WWII in the South Pacific with the 551 Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, 7th Air Force. Frank and Mary K. purchased the Young family farm in 1948 in Washington Township, Pickaway County. Frank farmed and worked at the Farm Bureau store in Circleville for several years.

Frank opened Lands Garage, his own farm implement and mechanic garage in nearby Stoutsville in 1960 and later moved it to land adjacent to their home on Ringgold Southern Road. This was a Minneapolis-Moline and later, a White farm equipment dealership. The business closed in 1984 due to the problems of the area farmers.

Mary K. taught at Monroe High School in Five Points, Pickaway County and then at Amanda Clearcreek High School in Amanda, Fairfield County until retirement.

Both Mary K and Frank were active in Grange, Farm Bureau and their home church, St. Paul United Methodist during their lives. Frank also served on the Clearcreek Fire Department as assistant chief and received an honorable service award. They also raised three sons, James Merrill (Jim)(b.1946), Frank Robert II (Bob)(b.1949), and Keith Alan (b.1952).

Jim married his high school sweetheart, Thelma Jean (Jeanie) Strous (b.1946) of Fairfield County. He served four years in the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam War, but was never assigned outside of the United States. He returned home and built a home on a parcel of the Young-Lands farm and served six more years in the USCG Reserves. Jim worked with his father before and after his service time.

Jim later became the rural mail carrier for Stoutsville Post Office, which serves the eastern half of Washington Township. After retirement in 2001, Jim was elected Trustee for Washington Township. Before retirement, Jim was also active

in the Clearcreek Fire Department and EMS.

Jeanie works at the Pickaway County branch of the Ohio State University Extension Service.

Jim and Jeanie are also active members of St. Paul United Methodist Church on Ringgold Southern road. Jeanie has taught Sunday school for 30 years. Jim has recently been chairman of the Trustees overseeing the building of the church's educational wing, completed in 2004.

Jim and Jeanie have two children: Christina Jean (b.1967) and James Merrill, Jr. (Jamie)(b.1971).

Christina married Jay Edmund Minor (b.1967), son of Dale and Valerie Minor. They have three daughters: Eliza Jayne (b.1993), Arista Ruth (b.1995) and Madeline Lee (b.1997). Christina attended The Ohio State University, receiving a teaching degree in Special Education. Jay was in the United States Coast Guard for four years and attended Columbus State Community College, earning a Journeyman's Certificate in Mold Building. He currently works at Circle Plastics in Circleville as the engineering manager. They are also active members of St. Paul UMC, where Christina teaches Sunday school.

Jamie earned an Associates degree in computer programming from Columbus State Community College and married Rhonda Wynne Bonneville (b.1971) of Maryland. Rhonda earned a degree in Mapping and Land Information Science from the Ohio State University. They lived three years each in Scotland and in Colorado while Rhonda served in the US Navy. They returned to Pickaway County and built a house on the Young-Lands land parcel adjacent to St. Paul UMC. They have three children: Curtis James (b.1997, Scotland), Abby Gayle (b.1999) and Emma Kathryn (b.2002). Jamie is active in the Clearcreek Township Fire Department and EMS. He began a home business, Log Cabin Embroidery, in 2004. Jamie and Rhonda are also active member of the St. Paul UMC.

Bob, the second son of Frank and Mary K. Lands, married Diana Schaal (b.1949), daughter of Doyne and Paulene Schaal. They build a house on another parcel of the Young-Lands farm and have two children: Angela Marie (b.1973) and Robert Franklin (Rob)(b.1976).

Bob currently works for the Logan Elm School District of Pickaway County in Transportation Maintenance and has been active in the Clearcreek Fire Department and EMS. Diana earned her teaching degree from Ohio University and masters degree from Mount St. Joseph. She teaches at Saltcreek Elementary in the Logan Elm School District. They have both been active in Grange, St. Paul UMC and jointly run the Lands Christmas Tree Farm (est.1988) with Jim and Jeanie Lands and Jamie and Rhonda Lands.

Angela also received a teaching degree from Ohio University and is married to Robert Winter. They reside in Swartz Creek, Michigan with their daughter, Ellie Grace (b.2004).

Rob graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Health Sciences. He married Tara Burke, who is an attorney. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Keith, the third son of Frank and Mary K., married Rebecca Smallwood of Indiana. They have two children: Brandon John (b.1981) and Ashley Elizabeth (b.1982). They currently reside in Dover, Ohio.

Keith graduated from Ohio University with a masters degree in Education and served in the United States Coast Guard Reserve. He also worked as Physical Director at the Pickaway County YMCA. He now directs the YMCA of Tuscarawas County. Rebecca works as a nurse.

Brandon has a degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Toledo. Ashley attends Wittenberg University, where she is earning a teaching degree.

-Submitted by Chris Minor

LAWLESS FAMILY

Not much is known about the early years of Rufus Lawless's life. We do know that he was born on August 8, 1844 and reared in northern Alabama in the area of Jackson.

As the Civil War came along he joined up in April 1864 with the 36th Company of Infantry, Alabama, at the young age of 20. He had performed his patriotic duties for 2 months when he was captured near Atlanta, Georgia and was moved around as a prisoner of war before being transferred to Camp Chase in Columbus, Ohio.

Laura Lawless Williams, 1872-1916

After his release in 1865 he stayed in Ohio and settled in the Grove City; Commercial Point, area of Pickaway County. He married Elizabeth Gilmore on November 30, 1868. To their union were born 12 children: Jesse, b. June 1869; Morgan, b. May 1871; Laura, b. April 1872; William Horton, b. May 1876; Mary Bell, b. March 1878; Catherine, b. March 1880; Delbert, b. November 1882; Lina, b.1884; Oscar, b. 1886; Rufus, b. May 1889; Samuel, b. May 1892; and Daisy, b. 1895.

Rufus Sr. was a successful farmer and well known in the area of his home in Commercial Point. His children and grandchildren were very important to him.

The Senior Lawless's had a hard and simple life but life came to an end for Elizabeth in July 1896 and Rufus in November 1908. He died a violent death when he was run over by an interurban train in the Clintonville area of Columbus, Ohio. The traditions of love of land and country are still carried on today by the descendants of a strong and loving family.

-Submitted by Bonnie Williams Threlkeld

EDWIN C. LEATHERWOOD FAMILY

Edwin and Dorene D. Leatherwood were both born May 17, 1939; the former, son of Guy H. and Louise F. (Schieser) Leatherwood, was born in Circleville, Ohio, and the latter, daughter of Francis F. and Dorothy E. (Darby) Meisch, was born in Pasadena, California. They met in San Diego, California, where he was teaching science after having graduated from Ohio State University and she was completing her nurse's training at San Diego State College.

Edwin and Dorene have five children: Aaron Lindell (b. June 11, 1967); David Edward (b. May 20, 1968); and Susan Annette (b. February 20, 1972). Aaron graduated from Ohio University and later received his MBA from Cornell University. Aaron has worked for the Bureau of Labor statistics, Washington D.C., for Price Waterhouse in the former Soviet Union and later under a Price Waterhouse subcontract for British Petroleum in Venezuela, and for Oracle in the United States. He currently resides with his wife, Svitlana Kalinichenk, and their three children: Andriy (b. December 13, 1993); Anna (B. April 20, 1999) and Alexander (b. January 24, 2003) in Athens, Ohio, where he works as a budget analyst for Ohio University. David graduated from Ohio University and later received Master's Degree from Ohio State University. He has taught school in both California and Columbus, Ohio. He currently lives with his wife Lisa (Lonske) Leatherwood and their four children: Maria (b. September 6, 1993), Benjamin (b. March 11, 1999), Jonathan (b. May 25, 2001) and Emily (b. July 6, 2004) in Columbus, Ohio, where he is employed as a librarian with the Columbus Public Schools System. Susan graduated from Ohio State University, works for the Ohio EPA, and lives in Ashville, Ohio with her husband, Scott Applegate and their son, Jacob (b. March 21, 2004).

Edwin and Dorene have long been employed in the public schools. Edwin taught science in San Diego, California; South Court Street School, Circleville, Ohio (1963-1966); and Trimble Local Schools, Glouster, Ohio. He also performed administrative or supervisory duties for Morgan

The Leatherwood family. L-R: Edwin, Dorene, Aaron (holding grand-daughter, Maria), David & Susan Applegate. Jan. 1997

County Schools, Ohio; Athens County Schools, Ohio; State Department of Education, and Trimble Local Schools (18 years elementary principal). Dorene taught in Obetz, McConnelsville, Corning, Amesville, Stewart, and Coolville; all located in Ohio.

Edwin is a descendant of John and Martha Leatherwood. A February, 1681, entry in the St. Anne's Parish register shows them to have been living near present day Annapolis, Maryland. Edwin's more recent ancestors lived in Franklin, Fairfield, and Ross Counties of Ohio; some are listed as being among Ohio's first families. Surnames in Edwin's ancestry include: Schieser, Snyder, Dun (Domen), Hatfield, Hurles, Trapp, Adams, Dunlap, Downing, Lentze, Allen, Storich, Shoemaker (Shumaker), Spangler, Kuhner (Keener), Reinig, and Peters.

Dorene's father served as U.S.Army Captain in the field of communications and was stationed in Hawaii during World War II. Later, he worked for Sears, Roebuck and Company as a supervisor, then as a training school administrator in Los Angeles, California. Dorene's ancestors lived in California; Oregon; Alexandria, South Dakota; Iowa; Illinois; Indiana; Ohio; West Virginia; Pennsylvania; and New York. Surnames in Dorene's ancestry include: Meisch, Darby, Bannard, Smith, Morris, Treichel, Carter, Longueville, Clark, Vedder and Naunn.

Dorene and Edwin have now retired and live on State Route 752 near Ashville, Ohio. Dorene is busy doing Creative Memories scrapbooking, babysitting grandchildren, and attending bible study. Edwin stays busy raising the family garden and enjoys their remodeled farm house and family dog, Zeke. They look back with fond memories about their times in the public schools and the raising of their children on an Athens County hill farm where they made hay, raised sheep, goats and chickens and involved their children in 4-H activities. Additional information is available in the book, Athens County Family Hisotry-1987.

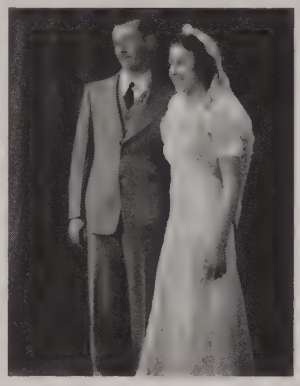
-Submitted by Ed Leatherwood

GUY HOYT LEATHERWOOD & FAMILY

Guy Hoyt Leatherwood was born in Ross County, Ohio on April 14, 1916. His parents were Edward Walter Leatherwood (1892-1973) and Iva Irene (Snyder) Leatherwood (1894-1988). Into this family were born four brothers: Glen (1913-1995), George (1926), Neil (1928-2001), Gale (1928) and one sister Vergie (Wean) (1919-1990). Guy graduated from Waverly High School at age 16 and was the class valedictorian. He dreamed of becoming a teacher but could not follow that dream because of the Great Depression.

By 1936, Guy and his family had moved to Ashville where his father accepted a job as track section foreman for the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

On June 5, 1938 Guy married Louise Frances Schieser, who was born June 5, 1918 in Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Jacob Schieser and Blanche (Dum) Schieser. She attended school at Duvall and later Ashville-Harrison High School. She graduated in 1936 as co-valedictorian and attended Ohio State University for two years. Louise worked as a Village Clerk for Ashville; did clerical work at Fort Hayes in Columbus, Ohio; worked in the Comptrollers Office on Lockbourne Air Force Base (now Rickenbacker Airbase); worked for the Veterans Administration; and retired in1963 from her position as office manager for the Colon Cancer Survey project at Ohio State University. Guy and Louise had one son, Edwin Carlisle Leatherwood born May 17, 1939 in Circleville, Ohio.



Guy and Louise (Schieser) Leatherwood on their wedding day, June 5, 1938

In 1941, Guy took a civil service exam which enabled him to become a railroad postal clerk. Guy worked as a postal clerk on the railroad until about 1951 when he changed to the Highway Post Office buses because the railroad discontinued many passenger and postal trains. Guy continued to serve on the Highway Post Office until 1970. At that time, Guy became a foreman at the Columbus Post Office and served in this position until his retirement in 1973.

After World War II, Guy purchased a farm which is now a part of Rickenbacker Airbase. He worked as railroad postal clerk and farmer. About 1951, the Leatherwood farm was bought by the airbase so the family moved to Ashville.

In the 1950's, Guy, along with his brothers, became involved in building swimming pools. Guy is credited as being the first person to design and build pools without expansion joints.

In the 1970's, Guy initiated the development of Walnut Heights Subdivision. After retiring from the mail service, Guy opened a real estate agency and sold property until 1986. He wrote many articles in the Circleville Herald on his travels and wrote two books: Green Meadows and Quaint Tales of Mail on Wheels. He also wrote articles for the post office publication, "Hiways and By Ways".

Guy was a member of Zion United Methodist Church, a past president of Pickaway Terrace, was a charter member of the Ashville Kiwanis Club. He did volunteer mission work in India, Kenya and Haiti.

Guy and his wife, Louise donated the land for Louise Terrace Housing for the Elderly. The center was named in memory of Louise, who died June 3, 1986, due to complications from an auto accident. Louise was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who was known for her graciousness, faithfulness, love for the Lord, and hospitality.

Guy remarried to the former Jean (Purcell) Cline in 1988. Guy suffered a severe stroke in 1994 and later died January 9, 1997. Both Guy and Louise are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

-Submitted by David E. Leatherwood

LEIST FAMILY

There are virtually hundreds of descendants in the Leist family. As you read through the History of Pickaway County, Ohio, I am sure you will come across a number of Leist historical references and stories. My submission will tell you the short story of how the Leist's landed in Pickaway County and where the line travels through today, 2005.

From records I was able to locate, the Leist name was originally Lisht, then Lyst to List and now Leist.

From what has been recorded, the Leists came to Washington Township, Ohio in about 1805. David and Catherine Leist and their children bought land and David became a stone mason by trade. He has been credited with participating in the completion of the plans and laying the foundation for the Pickaway County Courthouse. The major portion of this building stands today as evidence of his work. David also served as a township commissioner and was engaged to build one of the first houses in Circleville, Ohio when the town was founded. Records also show that David was a Captain in the War of 1812, having organized his own company of relatives and friends. This company can be found in the roster of Ohio Soldiers of the War of 1812.

As the Leist family grew and expanded into different areas within Pickaway County, it incorporated within it a number of other families. The Leists located in the Washington Township region have primarily been known as a farming family. In the early 1800's Samuel Leist married. Samuel is noted to be one of the original founders of the Trinity Lutheran Church here in Circleville, Ohio. Together with his wife they had eight children. One of the children was Herbert Leist who married Alta Bowman. Together they had three children, Elsie, Oakley and Arthur. Elsie died in childhood and Oakley and Arthur both grew up to be prominent members of our community.

Oakley graduated from Washington Township High School, graduated from Asbury College and the Ohio State University and married Inez Lane from Pickaway County. Oakley spent his life as an educator in the Logan Elm Schools and a dairy farmer. Serving as a teacher and then a principal at Washington Township, he carried his days as an educator and family historian dear and close to his heart. With his wife Inez they had three children, Myron, Donald and Jeanine.

Myron married Ellen Blue and together they had two sons, Brian and Bill. Brian resides in Denver, Colorado and Bill married Kathy Warnock and reside in Circleville with their three children, Cody, Braedon and Bethany.

Donald married Belinda Plum and together they had three children Amy, Bart and Tim. Amy is married to Asa Jay Elsea and together they have two daughters Braya and Kaiya and they reside in Circleville. Bart is married to Rachel Kraus and they have two children Lauren and Evan and they reside in Galena, Ohio. Tim is soon to marry Emily Snider and together they will reside in Lancaster, Ohio.

Jeanine married Larry McDowell. They reside in Washington Township.

-Submitted by Amy Elsea

ANDREW LEIST FAMILY

The Leist family came to America from Germany. Andrew Lyst (Leist) was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania on November 30, 1755, died November 11, 1821. He married Elizabeth Landman, born July 25, 1775, died September 10, 1824, and they had twelve children. Andrew served two enlistments in the American Revolutionary War. Andrew and his family, including son David and his family, came to Ohio about 1804 and were farmers settling in Washington Township, Pickaway County. They are buried in Zion Cemetery. Washington Township, Circleville, Ohio.

David J. and Catherine Leist with children, Elvina, Ollie, Janettie and Edwin

David was the first son of Andrew, born in Berks County, Pennsylvania on November 16, 1777, died January 25, 1840. He married Catherine Spade, died July 26, 1843, and they had nine children. He was a stone mason by trade and completed the plans and laid the foundation for the Court House in Circleville. He was Township Commissioner for three different terms: 1825, 1830, and 1837. He built one of the first houses in Circleville for John Ludwig about 1810. He was a Colonel in the War of 1812. They are buried in Zion Cemetery.

John David Leist, born May 1, 1808, died March 16, 1892, was the first son of David and Catherine Leist. He was born in Washington Township and on March 15, 1831 married Catherine Valentine, died August 3, 1886. A farmer, he had thirteen children. They are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

David J. Leist, son of David and Catherine Leist, was born on February 23, 1841, died June 16, 1884. He was married on September 15, 1867 to Leah Stein, born December 24, 1845, died December 10, 1917. They had five children. They are buried in Forest Cemetery.

Edwin Leist, the fourth child of David J. and Catherine Leist, was born on November 3, 1874, died May 6, 1948 in Washington Township. On March 4, 1903, he married Lydia Klingensmith, born May 3, 1873 in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, died November 18, 1953. They resided on the family farm in Washington Township and were active members of St. Paul Church, Washington Grange and several farm organizations. Lydia was a professional seamstress. They had one son, Loring, born July 19, 1910, died June 25, 1992. They are buried in Forest Cemetery.

As long as he was able, Loring farmed the family farm. His son-in-law, Jerry Wolford, then took over the operations, and today Jerry and his son Mike are still farming the land.

-Submitted by Betty Lou Wolford

ARTHUR & SYLVIA LEIST

Arthur and Sylvia Leist were lifelong farmers in Washington Township until Arthur's death in 1981.

Arthur came from a long line of the Leist name in the township. His lineage has been traced to his Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather, David Leist of Buck's County, Pennsylvania. David's son Andrew served as Captain in the Revolutionary War. Andrew and eleven of his thirteen children came to live in Ohio. Andrew died in Washington Township and is buried in the Old Zion Cemetery where his headstone may still be seen in German Script. During his lifetime, Arthur was a faithful member and worker in St. Paul Church which was first organized in the 1830's in the Andrew Leist II Barn and was later built on land donated by him. Following the example of his forefathers, Arthur was loyal to his community being a Township Trustee, a member of the Washington Township School Board and the Logan Elm School Board on which he served many years as President. He was a member of Washington Grange and Pickaway County Farm Bureau. Service to his community and Church were important to Arthur. He could be counted on to help in any position for which he was needed.

L-R: Jerry, Sylvia, Carrol & Arthur A. Leist.

Art was an innovative and progressive farmer who enjoyed trying the latest in farming techniques. He was the first in the township to practice no-till farming. He built the first solar grain drying system in Central Ohio. In addition to farming, Arthur was owner of a Fertilizer and Lime business that served farmers throughout the Central Ohio Area. Because of their interest in global understanding, he and Sylvia welcomed many foreign exchange students into their home and enjoyed travel to other countries.

Sylvia was born in Havre, Montana where her mother, Clara Worstell traveled from Ohio to homestead. Clara married another homesteader, Bert Rattray. Sylvia's life until the age of 12 was on the prairie under the big sky of Montana. Here, Indians, buffalo and horseback riding were a normal way of life that she would later describe in picturesque detail to her children. Upon her return to Ohio, she attended Washington Township School where her mother taught. It was at Washington School that she met her soon to be husband, Arthur. Sylvia was a helpmate on the farm and continues to be interested in its daily working at the age of 89. In addition to being a housewife and mother, she worked many years as secretary at the Pickaway County Farm Bureau.

The children of Sylvia and Arthur are Carrol (Leist) Stevens married to Nelson Stevens and Jerry Leist, married to Susan (Smith) Leist. Their grandchildren are Julie (Leist) Farthing, Paige (Leist) Pickett, Brooke (Leist) Summers, Stacy (Leist) Braun, Gregory Stevens, Todd Stevens, and Brent Stevens. Great grandchildren are Samantha Stevens, Katharine Stevens, Leeanne Stevens, Amanda Stevens, Taylor Farthing, Luke Farthing, Zoe Pickett, Elise Pickett, Garret Summers, Jude Braun and Owen Braun.

-Submitted by Carrol Stevens

DAVID LEIST FAMILY

The Leists seemed to descend from an area near the Baltic Sea, settled by Baltics, Frank, South Germanic with Saxtons as the first settlers. There was a village called Leist, now called Stralsund in Rostock near the Baltic Sea in East Germany. There is a small Catholic church with Leist records on birth, baptism, marriage and death. It is also believed that some Leists were in the Crusades and searched for the Holy Grail. The Leists moved to southern Germany after 1500 AD and about 200 came to America. From New Jersey they settled in Germantown (this is a part of Philadelphia). Later they moved to Bucks County near Oley, Pennsylvania, where their neighbors were the Boones and Eisenhauers. This area was changed from Bucks to Berks County. It is known that David Leist was born in New Jersey in 1712 and he had a son born in 1734. He had a son named Andreas List (name was first spelled Lyst in the new world). Andreas List used the spelling List during his service in the war of revolution from England. Andreas was German for Andrew. German spelling is on his gravestone in Zion Cemetery in Washington Township, east of Circleville, Ohio.

Andreas was born November 30, 1755 in New Garrison Township, Garrison Neck in Salem County, New Jersey. He died in Washington Township, Pickaway County, Circleville, Ohio, on November 11, 1821. Andreas married Eliza-

beth Landman on November 10, 1776. Elizabeth was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania on July 25, 1757. She died in Washington Township, Circleville, Ohio on September 10, 1824. They had thirteen children. Andreas was in the Revolutionary War for ten years. He was first in Jacob Bard's Militia. Then he is found in John Moll's Company as a Captain of the Third Company, First Battalion, Northumberland Company under Lt. Col. Peter Hosterman. He was a farmer and stone mason. Leist in German means shoehorn. Forefathers must have been shoemakers. The family crest shows them as shoemakers and wine makers.

Wedding picture of Albert C. Leist and Grace May Woolever Leist. May 1909

Andreas List corrected his name to Leist after his military service. He was stationed in Sunbury, Pennsylvania to protect settlers from Indians as it was the frontier. After the war he was in charge of local militia to keep the peace during the whiskey rebellion. There was violence and open defiance by many. General George Washington sent a General Lee to bring law and order. Andreas Leist accepted free land in Washington Township from the Virginia Military Grant for soldiers of war. He moved his family and sold the farm in Pennsylvania. The town of Middleburg, Pennsylvania now stands on the Leist farm.

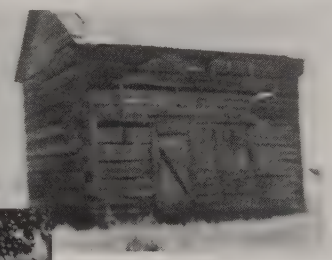
Picture taken 1911, 4 generations. L-R: Grace May Woolever Leist, Angeline McFarley, Donald Addison Leist, Alice Flora Lindsey Woolever

Son David Leist was born October 16, 1774 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, died in Washington Township, Pickaway County, Ohio on January 29, 1840. He married Catherine Spade, born in Berks County, Pennsylvania on October 12, 1777. She died in Pickaway County on July 26, 1843. They were married in 1797. Pickaway County was formed in 1810 out of Ross, Fairfield and Franklin Counties. It was a wilderness of wild animals, thick forests and native Indians. David was a stone mason and laid the foundation for the first Court House, of which a major portion remains today. He built the first homes in Circleville, Ohio for Jacob Ludwig about 1810. He was a Captain in the War of 1812, heading a company formed of his brothers, relatives and neighbors.

His son Andrew Leist, born November 8, 1804, died March 18, 1866. He married Mary Polly Row on March 13, 1828. Polly was born in 1808 and died March 9, 1891 and was the daughter of Peter Row and Elizabeth Pontius Row.

Their son was David A. Leist, born October 31, 1832 and died March 1, 1914. He married Mary Ann Heffner, born September 12, 1833, died July 11, 1915. Her parents were David Heffner and Lydia Baer Heffner. David Leist and Mary Heffner were married on November 19, 1854.

Their son was Eli Addison Leist, born July 26, 1857, died July 18, 1934. He married Leah Hitchcock on January 19, 1879. Leah was born September, 1857 and died in 1921. Her parents were Kenry K. Hitchcock and Mary O'Hara Hitchcock. Henry was a Captain in the 62nd Ohio and was in 27 battles in the American Civil War. He died of a war wound in the left lung area. He was in his forty's, shot in the charge at Fort Greg.



Leist log cabin near Washington Twp. School. Built of Black Walnut in 1804. Picture taken by Donald A. and Donald Leist, Jr., in 1982

Their son was Albert Clayton Leist, born April 12, 1888, died October 17, 1961. He married Grace May Woolever on May 2, 1909. Grace was born on July 16, 1890 and died in November, 1981. She was the daughter of Ellsworth Grand Woolever and Alice Flora Lindsey Woolever. Ellsworth was in the Spanish American War.

Their son Was Donald Addison Leist, born August 27, 1910 in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was married in 1930 to Pauline Eleanor Winn, born in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, on September 4, 1911. She just had her 93rd birthday and the family took a five generation photo. She is the daughter of Harvey Winn and Dorothy Wilson Winn.

Their son Donald Leist, Jr. was born September 25, 1931 in Pickaway County. He married Josephine Anna Shirley, born June 30, 1933 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her parents are Joseph F. Shirley and Angelina Piriano. They have three sons – Donald Addison Leist, born October 2, 1955, married Sandra Forsyth; Stephen Eric Leist, born November 6, 1956, married Patricia Sullivan. They have three children – Eric Stephen Leist, born September 14, 1988; Amy Elizabeth Leist, born November 11, 1991; Julianne Marie Leist, born January 11, 1993. Their youngest son is Michael Joseph Leist, born December 17, 1960. All three sons were born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

-Submitted by Donald Leist Jr.

LORING LEIST FAMILY

The Leist family settled in Washington Township, Pickaway County, Circleville, Ohio around 1804, originally coming from Germany.

Loring Leist, born July 19, 1910, died June 25, 1992, the only child of Edwin and Lydia Leist, was the sixth generation of this family. A graduate of Washington Township School, Loring farmed and was actively involved in the Farm Bureau, Pickaway Grain Company and Pickaway Dairy, and served as a Washington Township Trustee for more than twenty years. He organized the Washington Hill Climbers 4-H Club and was an advisor for twenty-five years. On July 7, 1936, he married Ruth DeLong, born December 14, 1901 in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, died September 14, 1980. A graduate of Saltcreek High School and Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, she taught in Monroe and Circleville, Ohio. They were active members of St. Paul Church and Washington Grange. They were the parents of two daughters. They are buried in Forest Cemetery.

Weta Mae Leist, born June 28, 1937, is the fourth generation living on the family farm. She attended Washington Township School and graduated from Circleville High School and was an office secretary for the Cooperative Extension Service in Pickaway County for thirty-four years. She teaches Sunday School, is choir director and financial secretary for St. Paul Church; a fifty year 4-H advisor; and active in Friends of the Library.

Edwin and Lydia Leist and son Loring

Betty Lou Leist was born on September 5, 1940. She attended Washington Township School and graduated from Circleville High School. As a bank employee, she worked in Circleville and Columbus, Ohio for thirty-three years; was Executive Director of the American Cancer Society for nine years; serves on Pickaway County Community Action Board, Friends of the Library, Circle of Caring and is a 4-H advisor. On April 8, 1962, she married Gerald Roliff Wolford, born March 5, 1940 in Jackson Township, Pickaway County. He farms, drives a school bus for Logan Elm School District (40 years), Pickaway County, is a Washington Township Trustee, board member for Earnhart Hill Water and Sewer District and a member of the Clearcreek Township Volunteer Fire Department. They are active members of the

Community United Methodist Church, Circleville, Ohio, and the parents of two children.

Michael Gerald Wolford was born on January 24, 1963. He attended Washington Township School and graduated from Logan Elm High School and is the fifth generation farming the family farm. Mike is a volunteer with the Clearcreek Township Fire Department, a member of the Pickaway County Health Board, Farm Bureau, Farmers Club and 4-H Advisory Committee. On July 30, 1988, he married Gwen Holsapple, born on June 2,1959 in Springfield, Ohio. She is a faculty member of The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, working in government relations for the College of Agriculture. They are the third generation of our family serving as 4-H advisors of the Washington Hill Climbers. They are the parents of Bradley Michael, born August 20, 1990, and Nicholas Alan, born May 24, 1993, who are the fourth generation of our family to attend Washington Township School.

Pamela Sue Wolford was born on March 17, 1964. She attended Washington Township School, graduated from Logan Elm High School, Columbus Technical Institute and Ohio State University's School of Nursing, where she is presently a nurse. She serves on the parenting committee of Head Start. On August 9, 1997, she married Michael Louis Paul, born December 22, 1963 in Licking County, Ohio. He is a salesman for ZEP Manufacturing Company, and they are active with Gideon International. They are the parents of Elizabeth Patrice, born November 1, 2001, and Josiah Thomas, born March 24, 2004, and adoptive parents of Maurice Anthony (Morton), born March 27, 1993; Marcus Robert (Rodriquez), born March 13, 1998; and Haley Marie (Morton), born June 16, 2000.

-Submitted by Weta Mae Leist

CLARENCE & MAE LEMON

Clarence Elmer Lemon was born 30 January, 1874, in Chillicothe, Ohio the son of George Lemon (born 22 October, 1829, died 1 May, 1897) and Sarah E. Hill Lemon (born 2 March, 1831, died 19 March, 1886). His parents, George and Sarah were married on 3 September, 1856. His wife, Mary Mae Michaels, born 16 February, 1879, daughter of Thomas (born 8 January, 1851, died 5 January, 1896) and Margaret Berkline Michaels (born 30 May, 1857, died 9 July, 1926). Thomas and Margaret were married on 21 December, 1871. Clarence and Mary Mae were married 29 June, 1903. Clarence had his right arm completely cut off in a railroad accident at the age of 6 on his first day of school. He adapted to this handicap and was able to function normally the remainder of his life. He worked for the Norfolk & Western Railroad as a telegraph operator and leverman for 44 years. He and Mae came to Circleville with their 3 daughters in 1917 and lived on Pickaway Street. Their son, Jack, was born 30 October, 1920 in Columbus. Clarence and Mae moved frequently due to different railroad assignments. Mae died 14 December, 1933 and Clarence died 24 November, 1970. They are buried in Grandview Cemetery in Chillicothe.

Their 5 children, Helen (Sandridge, Alderson) born 24 April, 1904, died 1966; Mildred born 23 October, 1906, died June, 1977; Ruth Emily (Peters, Beebe) born 6 May, 1909; Orland born 7 July, 1915, died 9 July, 1915; and Jack born 30 October, 1920. Orland only lived 2 days. Mildred never married. As of this writing Ruth and Jack are still living. Jack married Mary Catherine Thompson on 21 April, 1940. She was born 22 January, 1922, daughter of Leroy and Grace Thompson. They have 4 children, Susan Arlene, born 29 November, 1940 (m. William Neal), Jack Michael, born 9 June, 1942 (m1. Bonita Hay, m2. Terry Cirochi, and m3. Diane Rubin); Linda Jane, born 12 November, 1946 (m1. Herb Wellington and m2. Ronald Davie); and Donna Jean born 28 September, 1949 (m1. and m2. James R. Fite). During World War II Jack served in the U.S. Army and worked for the corps of engineers in secret files, working in Major General Hugh J. Casey's office. He worked as a telegraph operator, leverman and agent (clerk) for the Norfolk Southern Railroad for 43 ½ years. He has been an active member of the Ashville Area Heritage Society and is a volunteer at the Ashville Museum. He and his wife, Kate, currently reside in Ashville.

-Submitted by Jack Lemon

MYRL E. & MARY L. LEWIS

Myrl Lewis was born in Pickaway County September 26, 1915 to Willis and Ethel Fullen Lewis. He graduated from Monroe High School in 1933. He then joined the Civilian Conservation Corp and worked in the Old Man's Cave area for three years. He then farmed in Madison County for 40 years and also worked for the Department of Agriculture for 25 years measuring farms in Madison County.

Myrl E. & Mary L. Lewis

Mary L. Stoer was born November 16, 1918 to Charles M. and Mary Justus Stoer. She graduated from Monroe High School in 1936.

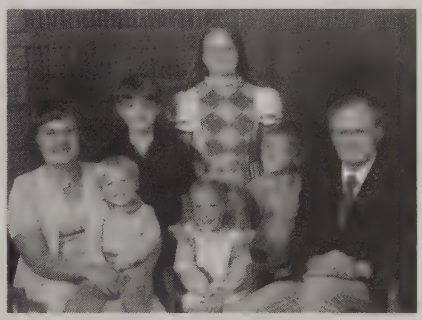
They were married September 22, 1937. They had three children, Jerry, Marjorie and Larry. Jerry was born on February 28, 1939 and is a farmer in Madison County. Marjorie was born November 23, 1941 and was a school teacher for 30 years in Madison County. Larry was born September 8, 1943 and was a barber for 13 years and then a State Farm insurance agent for 30 years.

They have six grandchildren: David Lewis of Orient, Ohio; Dean Lewis of Mt. Sterling, Ohio; Rodney Lewis of Hendersonville, Tennessee; Christopher Lewis of Gahanna, Ohio; Lori Kohn of St. Louis, Missouri and Lee Overturf of Miamisburg, Ohio. They also have eight great grandchildren.

-Submitted by Larry Lewis

ROBERT P. LIGGETT FAMILY

Robert Prine Liggett was born in Ripley, Ohio on May 31, 1939. He was the youngest child of Albert Wilson Liggett and Mary Jane West Liggett. He married Circleville native Joanna May Goldschmidt on June 10, 1962. She was born August 15, 1940, a twin daughter of David and Mary Goldschmidt. Bob and Jo lived in Columbus, but returned to Circleville in June 1964 when Bob joined his father-in-law in the practice of optometry. Bob continues to practice today.



The Robert P. Liggett Family, 1976. L-R, seated: Jo holding Dan, Carrie, Bob. Standing: Eric, Erinne, David

Over the years Bob served the community in many ways. He was a member and officer in several service organizations including Jaycees, Rotary International, and BPOElks. He was a member of the Circleville City School Board for 20 years and the Pickaway Ross Vocational School Board for 15 years. He was a director of the YMCA and also president of the Community Fund and the Pickaway County Historical Society. His wife, Jo, is a teacher and school librarian.

In 1991 Bob and Jo purchased the Harry Montelius home on Kingston Pike, and Bob soon became involved in growing giant pumpkins for competition in the Circleville Pumpkin Show. He has won the competition four times and avidly continues to grow and promote pumpkin growing, especially in Pickaway County.

Bob and Jo had five children. Erinne Kay was born December 5, 1964, and married Robert Wilson Berlin on July 27, 1985. Robert was born May 5, 1963 in Cleveland, Ohio. They had two sons – William Franklin, born April 2, 1989, and Zachery Robert, born February 25, 1992. They were later divorced and Erinne married Kevin Baughn on June 26, 2004. Kevin was born March 21, 1961, in Dayton, Ohio. They live in Centerville, Ohio.

Robert Eric was born October 4, 1966 and married Michelle Ann Stuertz on July 4, 1993. Michelle was born April 5, 1967 in Chicago. They have 2 children – Isabella Ainsleigh, born March 11, 1997, and Chase Armstrong, born

September 23, 2000. They live in Grove City, Ohio. Eric has joined his father in the practice of optometry in Circleville. He becomes a fifth generation optometrist, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather (David S. Goldschmidt), great-grandfather (Hyman Goldschmidt) and great-great-grandfather (David Goldschmidt).

David Wilson was born October 29, 1970. He lives in Dublin, Ohio.

Caroline Marie was born August 27, 1972 and married Erik Dale Stevens on June 21, 1997. Erik was born February 24, 1972, in Goshen, Indiana. They have three children – Christine May, born November 24, 1999; Caroline Nicole born December 12, 2001; and Brendan Erik, born May 23, 2004. They live in Jackson, Michigan.

Daniel Joseph was born May 9, 1974 and married Shonda Lynn Laird Jeffery on November 10, 2000. Shonda was born May 15, 1967 in Peru, Illinois. Dan acquired a ready-made family with Jordon Edward, born October 14, 1993 and Jenna Leigh, born July 10, 1996. He and Shonda also have a son, Tristen Joseph, born January 31, 2002. They live in Dunedin, Florida.

-Submitted by Joanna Liggett

MICHAEL E. & MARY ELLEN FRERICKS LOGAN

Born February 20, 1955 in Brookville, Pennsylvania, Michael Edward was the second son to Dean and Frances Logan. Frances, a homemaker, and Dean, a manager with Owens-Illinois, were transferred from California to Circleville, Ohio in 1979.

Mary Ellen, born November 15, 1955 in Circleville, was the fourth child of Edward and Patricia Frericks. Patricia was a homemaker, and Edward, the owner of the Circleville Lumber Company, once located on Edison Avenue.

L-R: Mary Ellen Logan, Adam Logan, Mike Logan, Katie Logan, Mary Jo Hampp, Mary Corbett (Cory) Logan, and Kelly Logan (Bride). June 19, 2004

Mike and Mary Ellen married June 4, 1977 at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Circleville, Ohio, and had three biological children. Mary Corbett, "Cory" was born January 13, 1980. Cory graduated from Circleville High School and then from Otterbein College, Delaware, Ohio, with a degree in English and Public Relations in 2002. Active with The Zonta Club of Columbus, Ohio and charities including Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Wendy's Chili Open, she is Director of Safety with The Builders Exchange of Central Ohio. Residing in Gahanna, Ohio, she is a published poet and publication designer, as well as an author of student textbooks in her spare time.

Adam Garvey was born May 28, 1982. An outstanding athlete at Circleville High School, he holds records for soccer and football, one being the longest field goal at 52-yards. Adam received a scholarship at The University of Indianapolis, lettered his first year but chose to return to Circleville to start his own business. On June 19, 2004, Adam married Kelly Marie Monaghan, an English teacher at Beechcroft High School, Columbus, Ohio. They reside in Grove City, Ohio. Adam owns and manages rental properties. He also buys homes, rehabs, and resells them.

Kathryn Sullivan was born on February 6, 1986. Katie attended Circleville High School but graduated from The Graham School in Columbus. She studied and helped build houses for the underprivileged in Mexico, Tennessee, Chicago, and Puerto Rico. At Graham, she interned at the Ohio Attorney General's Office and in Washington D.C. as Senator Mike DeWine's first high school intern. Katie attends Otterbein College and is a manager at J.R. Hooks Café in Circleville. She plans to intern with Federal Court Judge James Graham.

Mary Jo Hampp was born on May 11, 1980 and joined the Logans at the age of 16. Very much a permanent part of the family, Mary graduated from The Ohio University where she lived for a short time, before moving home to attend branch campuses. Always an athlete, Mary has coached girl's basketball, volleyball, and softball for both middle and secondary schools in Pickaway County. She graduated from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, in 2004 with a degree in education and certification in middle school math and social studies.

Mike and Mary Ellen settled in Circleville in 1984 when Mike purchased the oldest men's store in Ohio, Caddy Miller's, located at 125 W. Main Street. Mike served as Mayor from 1988 to 1992. During his tenure, an income tax passed, the Court Street Fire Station opened, City Hall received a facelift, the bridge on Pickaway Street was replaced, and two major annexations were approved. The City also remodeled the city pool at Ted Lewis Park, and the Circleville Youth Center opened, bringing more than 200 jobs. While he was Chairman of the Board of Governors, Berger Hospital received the designation of one of the top ten most profitable, non-profit hospitals in the country. Mike served as President of the Circleville Pumpkin Show and has been active for many years as an announcer from the Franklin Street stage.

Mike also served as Executive Director of Pickaway County Community Action. While there, the organization moved from Route 22 West to the old Mount of Praise Campground on East Ohio Street. A complete renovation took place, and the Pickaway County Board of Health and the ministerial association's food pantry joined the location. A battered women's and homeless men's shelters also opened.

Currently a realtor with Dickey-Beckley Team Realtors, he is also serving his first term as President of the Pickaway County Board of Realtors.

Mary Ellen has been and remains active in many organizations, such as Pickaway County Legal Secretary's Association, Sunrise Rotary, and Child Conservation League. She is an active Bridge player. While Mary held other office positions in Columbus, she joined Steely Law Office in 1995 and has managed the office for Melody Steely to date. She is a lector and Eucharistic minister at Church and has remained faithful to Saint Joseph's, her friends, and family.

The family has resided on Meadow Lane since 1984. At Christmas, as during many other occasions, the house booms with family and friends, including Mike's parents, his brother Larry, wife Sheryl, and niece Lindsey, and Mary's brother David, wife Kim, and niece Andrea, all residents of Circleville.

-Submitted by Mary Ellen Logan

LUDWIG-HAECKER

Daniel and Michael Ludwig, brothers, native of Germany, immigrated to America, arriving at the Port of Philadelphia, September 18, 1733 in the ship Pennsylvania Merchant. Daniel Ludwig settled originally near Sinking Springs in Berks County, Pennsylvania. His father, Michael Ludwig, remained in Germany.

The Haecker Family of Circleville, Ohio. 1919. L to R, Back row: John Ludwig Haecker, b. 3/31/1908 d. 1988, Christopher Frederick Haecker, b.1879, d. 1919, Margaret Wilmine Haecker, b. 9/18/1919, d. 2002. Front Row: Rex Edwin Haecker, b. 1/09/1912, Cora Evaline Ludwig Haecker, b. 1/31/1883, d. 1964, holding Hilaire Elson Haecker, b. 5/28/1918, d. 1994, Avanell Haecker, b. 2/14/1915, d. 1990

Daniel Ludwig, the son of the immigrant Daniel Ludwig was born June 4, 1748 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was married three times. His third wife was Elizabeth Shupert, daughter of John and Elizabeth Shupert. Their third child was Jacob Ludwig, born April 17, 1806 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and died October 12, 1881 in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Daniel Ludwig, the son of the immigrant Daniel Ludwig, served in the Pennsylvania Mi-

litia in the establishment of American Independence. Daniel Ludwig, the Revolution Soldier, is buried in the old Ludwig cemetery in Circleville Township, Pickaway County.

Jacob Ludwig was the third child and only son by the third marriage and was six months of age at the time of removal of his parents to Ohio. On November 18, 1830 he was united in marriage to Evalina Morris, daughter of Henry and Charity Morris. Seven sons and one daughter were born to them: Daniel, born November 23, 1831; Henry O., born Dec. 16, 1832 (married Amelia Gallers); Isaac Shelby, born Sept. 21, 1834 married Charity Margaret Betz Feb. 1, 1881; George, born January 14, 1836; Elizabeth, born April 28, 1839; David, born June 16, 1842, Jacob Jr., born January 27, 1848, died July 10, of the same year.

Isaac Ludwig, the third son of Jacob Ludwig was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War. He had a farm in section 4, Pickaway Township that was complete in all its appointments.

The marriage of Isaac Ludwig to Charity Margaret Betz was solemnized Feb. 1, 1882. Four children were born to them, namely Cora Evaline Ludwig; Mary Myrtle Ludwig; John Isaac Ludwig and Tina Mildred Ludwig.

Cora Evaline Ludwig born January 31, 1883, died August 27, 1946, was married to Gottlieb Christopher Fredrick Haecker of Sandusky, Ohio, the son of Wilhem and Wilhelmina Haecker. Children born to Cora and Christopher Haecker were: John Ludwig Haecker, born March 27, 1908, died April 16, 1989; Margaret Wilimine Haecker, born Sept. 18, 1909, died February 2002; Rex Edwin Haecker, born January 9, 1912; Avanell Haecker, born Feb. 14, 1915, died April 26, 1990; Hilaire Elson Haecker, born May 28, 1918, died Feb. 14, 1994.

John Ludwig Haecker, Rex Edwin Haecker and Hilaire Elson Haecker enlisted as soldiers in the American Military during World War II.

-Submitted by Rex E. Haecker

LUTZ FAMILY

The name Lutz is a fairly common German name. A former consul to Los Angeles said it was given to the descendants of the old German tribes when surnames were assigned. Our Lutz family is said to have come from the Necker Valley and possible progenitors came from near Eschelbachh, Germany. William Penn traveled to this area in the mid-1600s extolling the opportunities in Pennsylvania. It is reasonable that some Lutzes were impressed. We know that our emigrating ancestor, Johann Michael, started his journey to America around 1720. He probably landed in Philadelphia and he settled near the Lehigh Delaware River confluence and farmed there. The elders of his church would not tolerate his single state and a marriage was arranged. He married Anna Margaretha Engler (Englerd or Inglard). Their children were: Elizabeth Barbara, born 1731; Benedict, born 1735; George Ulrich, born 1738; Catherine, born (unknown). Elizabeth was christened in the original New Goshenhoppen church.

Michael had land warranted to him in 1744 and 1754 in Bucks County then Northampton County. Michael Lutz died in 1760 and was buried in Williams Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. George Ulrich married Catherine Elizabeth Deiss (Dice) in 1760. Their children were: Jacob, born 1762; Anna Maria (Mary), born 1766; John, born 1768; Catherine, born 1779.

Ulrich bought land in Northumberland County and moved his family. His son, Jacob, stayed in Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, and married Elizabeth Demuth in 1788. Their children were: Samuel D., born 1789; Jacob D. , born 1790; John D., born 1792; Joseph, born 1797; Peter, born (unknown).

Ulrich died in 1790 and his property was left to Jacob, John and Catherine. Jacob and John moved to Shamokin Valley. In 1794 Jacob moved to Buffalo Valley, still in Northumberland County.

In 1799, John made an exploratory trip to Ohio, traveling as far as Chillicothe. He and Jacob began making plans to move to Ohio. On September 7, 1802, the brothers, their families and widowed mother left for Ohio in two Conestoga wagons. They arrived in Lancaster on October 9, 1802.

While looking for land they attended the first Constitutional Convention for Ohio near Kingston. Jacob bought land from John Shoemaker in the southeast corner of Saltcreek Township. John settled on Mocassin Creek several miles northeast of his brother. Joseph drowned in Salt Creek at age ten and Peter shortly later died of a fever about age eight. In 1811 Jacob built a home on his land and farmed and lived there until his death in 1824.

John Lutz, the second son of Ulrich, married Catherine Heller and had nine children. Anna Maria and Catherine both married and moved to northeastern Ohio in 1801.

Samuel Demuth married Elizabeth Fetherolf in 1811. They had 14 children. He lived to be 101 years old.

Jacob Demuth married Polly Braucher in 1813. They had 12 children.

John Demuth married Sophia Spangler in 1822. They had 7 children.

It would require another history to bring the descendants of these three brothers to modern times or to evaluate their effect on this county. They are a representative example of the people who made this country. They were farmers, soldiers, justices of the peace, lawyers, teachers, doctors, homemakers, engineers, legislators and businessmen.

-Submitted by Emily Lutz

LUTZ FAMILY

Jacob B. Lutz was born in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, to Hans John D. and Sophia Spangler. He was a farmer and lived just north of Whisler, Ohio. Jacob married Lydia Bank. John L., the child of Jacob and Lydia was reared on his father's farm. He was numbered with the excellent farmers in Saltcreek Township. On October 11, 1882 he married Minnie Pontious.

John L. and Minnie had 4 children. One child, Denver, was born 15 November, 1888. He married Ethel Violet Yaple, born 16 April, 1913 in the Methodist Church in Amanda, Ohio. They lived on the home place near Whisler until the mid 1920's. Then they moved north of Amanda. In 1943 they moved into Walnut Township, near Cedar Hill, Ohio. Denver showed strong leadership in the Methodist Church. He participated in the Anchor Hocking Mens Chorus and was in a quartet that frequently sang for weddings, churches, and organizations. He served on the Amanda Board of Education for 25 years, leaving only when he moved into the Walnut School District. His wife, Ethel, was also active in the Methodist Church in Amanda. She took the Boxwell exam and taught briefly. She was a Pythian sister and a great homemaker. They had 5 children: Ellis (2 children) Benis, born 25 January, 1932; John Allen (two children); Esther (married Leonard Mann-2 children); and Leland J. (1 child).

L-R, in order of age (youngest to oldest). Benis, Esther, Leland, Ellis, and John

Benis attended Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, and Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, obtaining degrees in Speech and English. In August of 1961 he received his Master of Arts in speech education and school administration. He taught at Ashville High School, Ashville, Ohio, in 1954 and then spent time in the U.S. Army, serving at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and in Germany. In 1957 he returned to Ashville High School, taught there, became assistant principal, and principal. In 1962 he became Teays Valley High School's first principal, in 1964 was appointed superintendent, serving in that position for 25 years until his retirement July 31, 1989. Benny loves sports, especially basketball and water skiing. He also enjoys reading. He is very active in the United Methodist Church, serving in multiple offices in the local, district conference and general conference levels of the church. He also serves on many educational boards and on senior housing facilities. He also served 12 years on the United Methodist Publishing Board.

He married Lorna Hatfield in 1957. They had 5 children, two of which were adopted. A son, Joseph was born 25 January, 1969 and died in a fall from a balcony on 31 June, 1986. Joseph's brother John was born 22 April, 1966. He is a CHIPS officer in California, is married and has

2 children, Jacob and Ryan. Their sister, Mary, born 11 February, 1962, is completing her PhD in higher education and serves as youth director at the Newark, Ohio United Methodist Church. A brother, Jeff was born 23 February, 1961, is a fire Marshall in Anaheim, California, and has 2 children, Stephen and Bryan. A sister, Susie, was born 5 June, 1959 and lives in Long Beach, California. Lorna and Benny were divorced and Benny was remarried. He and his wife Carolyn Courtright Peters, were married on 22 November, 1973 and currently reside on West Main Street in Ashville.

-Submitted by Benis Lutz

MACE FAMILY

Jesse Henry Mace (1863-1938), the son of Alexander Mace (1835-1892) and Susan Rhinely (1837-1892), fathered 11 children with his wife Catherine Palmer (1867-1958). The first of this family in Ohio, Jacob Mace, emigrated for Hardy County, Virginia, in 1798 and settled on the Evans Prairie near Yellowbud. The fourth of Jacob's 18 children was Jesse Mace (1796-1860) who was married to Kitturiah Ridgeway and the grandfather to Jesse Henry. This union produced three children, Alexander, Jesse and a daughter Sarah. Every generation has had at least one Jesse or Alexander, which does cause some confusion.

Jesse Henry and Catherine Mace Family taken in 1910 in front of Mace home at 260 Lutz Rd. Back row: Lora, William, Leslie, Alexander, Rebecca. Front row: Gertrude, Jesse (father), Catherine (mother) Arthur, Mary.

From the first generation to the present day farming has been the occupation followed by many. A portion of the original farmland purchased by Jacob from Nathaniel Massie before Ohio became a state, remains with family members. Education and public service positions have also been a common thread woven through this family's history.

Even though all of Jesse Henry's children are deceased, they have left behind many children and grandchildren living and working in Pickaway County. The following are their children with spouses and grandchildren.

To the union of Stella Mace (1886-1979) and Pearl Brown (1884-1969) the following seven children were born: Forrest, Mace, Evelyn, Mary Catherine, Nettie, Paul and Harvey.

Sarah Jane (1888-1983) and John Lloyd (1873-1967) were the parents of Jesse Evan, Silas, Beatrice, Francis, Kathryn, Sarah Jane, Mary, Helen, Mildred, Robert, Lois, James Gordon and Eddie.

Harley Mace (1889-1978) and Maude Jennings (1891-1975) union was blessed with Erma, Audrey, Robert and William.

Alexander Mace (1891-1972) and Nellie Wilhelm (1888-1982) marriage produced Arlene, Harold and Eugene.

The marriage of Leslie Mace (1883-1958) and Freda Pontious (1896-1980) produced Ruth, Donald and Carolyn.

Rebecca Mace (1895-1983) and Harold Slager (1899-1996) had no children.

William died in his youth (1897-1911).

To the union of Lora Mace (1899-1989) and Dale Grimes (1898-1985) two sons, Don and Joe were born.

Arthur Mace (1901-1998) and Grace Lovensheimer (1903-2000) were the parents of Fred, Frank, Dwight, Geraldean, Rosemary and Jim.

Gertrude Mace (1903-1997) and Frank Schulz (1900-1992) marriage produces one son, John.

Mary Mace (1905-2003) and Foreman Slager (1900-1959) were the parents of two sons, Richard and James.

-Submitted by Gerry Hannahs

EUGENE MACE FAMILY

Eugene W. Mace (1/11/1923), son of Alexander Levi Mace and Nellie Lenora Mace married Margaret Riehle (5/17/1926), daughter of Rufus T. Riehle and Geraldine Buchanan, March 7, 1948. From this union four children were produced, Geraldine Lenora (David Hannahs), Alex Eugene, Mary Ann (Neil E. Miller) and Daniel T. (Jacquelyn Ater).

Eugene and Margaret have spent more than 50 years living and farming on the Williamsport Pike. Eugene attended Wilmington College before serving on the John R. Craig during World War II. Upon returning from the war, Eugene engaged in farming with his father and brother Harold Mace. For many years, he pulled his Massie Harris tractors in Ross and Pickaway Counties and throughout Ohio and surrounding states. For more than 20 years he served as a Director on the Federal Land Bank Board. He also worked more than 30 years for the Ross County Board of Election. His interest in education was displayed through his service on both Kingston Local and Union-Scioto Boards of Education.

Of Eugene and Margaret's four children, three reside in Pickaway County. Gerladine (11/12/1948) married David L. Hannahs (12/2/1945) on July 14, 1973. David a long time resident of Circleville and a graduate of the local high school participated in sports while there. David graduated with honors from the Ohio State University with a degree in engineering. Geraldine (Gerry) is active in the community especially with the Rotary Soup Kitchen. She has worked for several years at the Brooks Yates preschool. David currently serves as the Director of PICCA.

The couples older son, named for his grandfather, Alex (3/4/1950) received an undergraduate degree from Ohio University and Master's degree from Xavier University. Alex was a chemistry teacher in Ross County and Athletic Director for many years. He continues to remain active in southern Ohio sports.

Top Standing: Mary Miller, Alex E. Mace, Daniel T. Mace. Sitting: Geraldine L. Hannahs, Margaret Mace, Eugene W. Mace

The third child in this family lives in Perry Township in Pickaway County. Mary Ann (11/6/1951) lives with her husband Neil E. Miller (11/15/1948). Both Neil and Mary graduated from Ohio University. Neil retired from the VA Hospital in Chillicothe where he was the Chief of Vocational Rehabilitative Medication. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam era and remains active in veterans service organizations. Mary has been a teacher, supervisor of Special Education, Director of Special Program and Building Principal. She has worked in the field of education more than 30 years. This couple has one daughter, Gena Margaret (7/1/1980), who is a graduate of Denison University. She is currently the Director of Government Affairs for the Ohio Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

The young child in this family is Daniel Theodore (2/3/1954) who resides in Pickaway County with his wife Jacquelyn Ater (7/6/1954). They are the parents of three daughters, Heather Lynn (4/3/1979), Ashley Nicole (9/30/1983) and Kelsey Brooke (3/6/1989). Dan, a graduate of Ohio University, is currently the Director of Marketing for Mead-Westvac. Jackie is employed by the Adena Local Schools. Their oldest daughter, Heather, is a graduate of Ohio Northern University and is a Pharmacist. She is married to C. Brian Sowers. Ashley is currently a student at Ohio University and Kelsey is a student at Adena Schools.

-Submitted by Mary Mace Miller

FRANKLIN J. MACE, JR. FAMILY

Levi and Rebecca Palmer (Chillicothe) were the parents of Catherine Palmer. Alexander and Susan Mace (Ross County) were the parents of Jesse Mace. Catherine and Jesse were married and had 11 children.

Stella Mace married Pearl Brown (Ross County). They had 7 children. *Sarah Jane Mace* married John Lloyd (Kingston). They

had 13 children. *Harley* and Maude *Mace* had 4 children. *Alexander* and Nellie *Mace* (Ross County) had 3 children. *Leslie* and Fred *Mace* (Sedalia) had 3 children. *Rebecca Mace* married Harold Slager (Columbus). *William Mace* was from Ross County. *Lora Mace* married Dale Grimes (Chillicothe) and had 2 children. **Arthur Mace** (8/29/1901, Ross County) married **Grace Lovensheimer**, (11/14/1903, Pike County), and had 5 children. *Gertrude Mace* married Frank Schulz (Phoenix, Arizona). They had one child. Mary Mace married Foreman Slager (Columbus). They had 2 children. Later she married Paul Courtney (Columbus).

Arthur and Grace Mace had 5 children. They farmed in Ross County before settling in Circleville. Arthur also had an interest in harness racing, and training and raising horses. *Fred Mace* (Circleville) lived with his parents. **Franklin J. Mace**, (10/13/1924, Ross County) married, (12/8/1945) **Maribel Speakman** (12/17/1923, Ross County). The had 3 children: **Franklin J. Jr.** (7/12/1945, Ross County), Sharon Ann (3/3/1951, Pickaway County), and Mark Allen (7/7/1957, Pickaway County). Franklin Sr. farmed with Arthur, and in 1991, Franklin Sr. and Maribel built a new home on the Commercial Point Road farm. *Jim Mace* married Joan List (Washington Court House). They have 2 children. *Geraldine Mace* married Bill Dennis (Clarksburg). They had 4 children. *Rosemary Mace* married Walter Bumgarner (Mechanicsburg). They had 3 children.

1983. Clockwise: Michael J., Lisa Ann, Franklin J. Mace, Jr., Elaine (bottom)

Franklin J. Mace Jr. (7/12/1945, Ross County) married (12/29/1965) Elaine Goldschmidt, (9/6/1945, Patuxant River Naval Base, Maryland). Elaine is the daughter of Maria C. and David S. Goldschmidt. Franklin and Elaine are the parents of 2 children. *Lisa Ann Mace* (10/20/1969, Pickaway County) was married (6/24/1995) to Andrew C. Weller (1/9/1970). Lisa and Andy are the parents of 2 children, Andrew J. Weller (4/9/1998, Franklin County), and Sydney Lee Weller (2/17/2000, Franklin County). *Michael J. Mace* (9/30/1971, Pickaway County) married (3/5/2000) Jennifer Renee McElhinney (12/28/1969, Franklin County). Mike and Jenny are the parents of *Colton J. Mace* (3/12/2002, Franklin County).

Franklin J. Mace Jr. has worked for General Telephone/GTE/Verizon since 1965. He was a member of the National Guard, 166th Infantry, 37th division from 1965-1971. Elaine Mace worked as a cosmetologist for 7 years. Then after a career change, she was employed by RCA/GE/Thomson Consumer Electronics for 25 years as an industrial nurse. They reside in Circleville. Both Frank and Elaine enjoy fishing and spending time on Lake Erie. Franklin helped his Dad on the farm, and also enjoyed harness racing and hunting.

Lisa and Andy Weller reside in Circleville. They are the owners of Brice Construction, LLC. Lisa is a dietitian and specializes in geriatric nutrition. Michael and Jennifer Mace reside in Circleville, too. Michael is employed by DuPont, and Jennifer has been employed by the Pickaway County Commissioners for seventeen years.

-Submitted by Elaine Mace

MAJORS FAMILY

Southy B. Majors was born in Sussex County, Delaware on March 11, 1823. His obituary states that he came to Pickaway County, near Williamsport, at the age of nine with his parents. (Southy's parents may have been Nicholas and Nancy Bennett Majors of Sussex County, Delaware. No records of his parents have been found in Pickaway County). On September 24, 1847, he married Harriett Shaff, daughter of Frederick and Nancy Jordan Shaff. They had eleven children: John B. (b.5/26/1848, d.10/25/1936), Elizabeth C. (b.5/26/1848, d.4/9/1926), Robert A.L. (b.7/15/1852, d.1/27/1860), Dupey (born about 1854), Charles D. (b.9/1857, m. Sarah Elizabeth Locher 6/12/1882), Hattie Belle (b.5/11/1859, d.2/27/1940), Flora (b.6/7/1863, d.6/14/1863), Minnie (b.6/7/1863,d. 6/14/1863), Mary (b.7/6/1865, d.7/10/1865). The names of the other Majors' children are unknown at this time.

Southy worked at the Foresman Mill and his son Robert died in the Foresman home.

Harrie Belle married James W. Denman 8/12/1886. They had 3 boys: James Franklin, Robert Samuel Southy and Walter Bailey. Hattie's family is covered under the **Denman Family History.**

L-R: Unknown, Unknown (possibly daughters of John Majors), Hattie Belle Majors Denman, John B. "Daddy" Majors, Unknown, Unknown (possibly daughter and granddaughter of John Majors

John B. married Sarah Alice Ritt (b.6/20/1852), daughter of Benjamin and Mary McDowell Ritt. They were married 10/9/1873 in Pickaway County. They had 4 children: Emil Ritt (b.7/26/1874), Mary Jane (b.1/8/1877) (m. Claude Upp), Florence Jesse (b.6/5/1880), Homer Bennett (b.8/23/1887, d.3/18/1917).

John was known to many as "Daddy" Majors. He was a member of the K of P Lodge for 42 years. Majors Temple, Pythian Sisters, was named after him. A farmer by trade most of his life, he clerked in the Barrere-Nickerson Hardware Store, after he retired.

Emil moved to Santa Ana, California and Mary to Puluski, Illinois. Homer Bennett, who went by Bennett, remained in Circleville. Bennett was a farmer, he died at a very early age of complications of the measles. On 6/19/1910, he married Nellie May Leist (b.5/28/1889, d.4/5/1932). She was the daughter of David and Mary Leist. Bennett and Nellie had 2 children: Kenneth Gail (b.1/5/1912, d.3/14/1993) and Gerald Wilbur (b.6/20/1914, d.1/7/1985).

Gerald married Martha Lucille Rudisill (daughter of Sherman and Florence Leist Rudisill, b.10/30/1918, d.10/2/1951). They did not have any children.

Kenneth married Dorothy Petty (daughter of Alec Petty and Rosa Phillips, b.3/27/1913, d.5/19/1997). They had one child, Ronald Bennett (m. Tonya Johnson, daughter of Samuel and Thelma Morrison Johnson). Ron and Tonya's child is Jeramy who married Crystal Johnson. They have four children: Sherika Lea, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, Madison Jade and Nathan Kenneth.

Ron and his second wife Sally Weaver, daughter of Kenneth Ebert and Frances Barnes Weaver, were married on 12/31/2001. Ron and Sally are owners/operators of the Court & Main Restaurant in Circleville.

-Submitted by James E. Denman

ROBERT HENRY MALONE FAMILY

Robert Henry Malone, born September 12, 1869 in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and the son of Mary and John Whitmer Malone married July 4, 1893 in Darbyville, Ohio, Nancy (Nannie) Elizabeth Waples, born October 22, 1872 in Deercreek Township near Williamsport, Ohio, daughter of John Waples and Catherine Hastings. To this union 5 children were born: Fannie L., born February 1, 1895 in Jackson Township, married Ralph L. Ward; Clyde Robert, born October 18, 1903 in Jackson Township married Glenna Toole; Sadie Pearl, born January 25, 1908 in Jackson Township married Harold Farmer Sr.; Mattie Katherine, born March 26, 1910 in Jackson Township and Ada Mae, born August 8, 1912 in Jackson Township. Parents and 4 children are buried in Jackson Township Cemetery, Sadie being buried in Carroll, Ohio.

Mattie Katherine Malone, died April 2, 1986 in Columbus, Ohio. Katherine has 3 sons, Marvin Lewis Young, Charles Edward Malone and Ronald Lee Malone. Marvin, born June 5, 1938 in Jackson Township married April 12, 1966 in Circleville, Janice McLain O'Conner. Marvin

Nannie Malone w/o Robt. Henry Malone w/ daughter Katherine and her son Marvin in 1941

has four stepchildren: Ronald Jr., Randy, Lynn and Kevin O'Connor. Ron, born October 9, 1950 in Jackson Township, married June 9, 1973 in Circleville, Ohio, Beth McCoskey and has 4 sons: James, Barry, Tom and Gary. Ron then married July 22, 2001 in Springboro, Ohio, Sheri Hosket Blackburn and has 3 stepchildren: Justin, Jennifer and Rebecca Blackburn.

Charles (Chuck) Edward Malone, born March 13, 1947 in Jackson Township, married December 1, 1971 in Ashville, Charlene Marie Cordle, born September 18, 1951 in Circleville, daughter of Charles Alfred Cordle and Cleora Marie Myers of Ashville. Chuck and Charlene reside in Ashville. To this union 2 children were born, Christina Marie and Craig Michael.

Christina Marie, born May 23, 1973 in Circleville married August 14, 1993 in South Bloomfield, Ohio, David Gene Jordan and they have 2 children, Hannah Marie, born January 11, 1996 in Lancaster, Ohio and Christopher David, born March 2, 2000 in Lancaster. Christina and her family reside in Pickaway County.

Craig Michael Malone, born September 16, 1978 in Circleville, married July 24, 2004 in Ashville, Kristi Lynn Gregory, born November 30, 1979 in Circleville, daughter of Kenneth Gregory and Vicky Williams of Walnut Township. Craig and Kristi reside in Ashville.

-Submitted by Craig M. Malone

MANSON FAMILY

This Manson line begins in France with Mathew MANSON married to Elizabeth FREMINET.

Descendants of Elizabeth FREMINET

1. **Elizabeth FREMINET** (- 1814), m. Mathew MANSON
2. **Marguerite MANSON** (1761-) m. Sir Francis DITTE
3. **Francois Bitte MANSON Capt.** (1777-1840) m. Ann Margurite PARIS (1795-1878)
4. **Victor Peter MANSON** (1829-1899) m. Sarah J. WRIGHT (1834-1868)
5. **Philip Lewis MANSON** (1860-1907) m. Mary Savannah HARRISON (1863-1907)
6. **Milton Philip Manson** (1890-1969) m. Sylvia Marie Woolever (1892-1967)
7. **Mary Alice Manson** (1912-1984) m. Ralph Walton Brown (1912-1985)
8. **Bobby O'Niel Brown** (1930-) m. Carolyn Sue SWINCHER (1934-) m. second Luz Ponsica (1945-)
9. Buddy Roger Brown (1933-) m. Patty Louise Croson (1930-)
10. Monna Marie Brown (1941-) m. Frank Holter (1941-)

Francois Bitte MANSON Capt. 1777-1840 had an impressive military record in France. Francis was a miller in France. Francis and Margaret Ann Paris Manson came to the United States in 1834. They bought an 85 acre farm 21 May 1834 in Section 11, Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Francis Manson was naturalized in the USA October 7, 1842. They lived as a farming family in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. At some point they moved to Amanda Township of Fairfield County. Philip Lewis Manson/Mary Savanah Harrison lived, died, and were buried in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Their death dates are close together.

Ralph Walton Brown and Mary Alice Manson Brown

My grandfather, Milton Philip Manson, son of Philip and Mary, met Sylvia Marie Woolever, married, and lived in Pickaway County, Ohio. They had a gas station on North Court Street in Circleville and later built a gas station on the north side of Lancaster Pike (Rt. 22) on property that seemed to have been owned by Sylvia Woolever's family. It was the first property outside the Circleville city limit.

While there they had children, Mary Alice and Klara Jeanne Manson. My father, Ralph Walton Brown (of the Brown line elsewhere in this publication) married Mary Alice on June 2, 1928. We lived in Pickaway County until 1941 when we moved to Columbus, Ohio.

I was born at 141 W. Main Street. This was above a grocery store, and it seems so strange, for I can bring out of the past a mental picture of a place near that address, but across the street, where I remember visiting my grandmother, Rosa. I was born in the middle of a very bad winter night. I'm told that my grandmother (Marie Manson), who lived at the corporation limit of Circleville, heard that I was on the way and walked the approximate two miles, in a blizzard, to be there.

I am 74 years old now. Few people living knew the Circleville, Ohio that I knew. It had blacksmith shops, old time canning factory, steam driven engines/trains, and the people dressed kinda funny. I wore knickers.

-Submitted by Bobby O. Brown

ERNEST GENE MARTIN AND FAMILY

Ernest Gene Martin was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, April 23, 1936, the son of Waldo Porter Martin and Catherine Valentine Martin (also both born in Pickaway County). Ernest was the seventh in his family of eight. He graduated from Walnut Township High School, Pickaway County.

He attended the Evangelical United Brethren Church, now known as Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and except for three years that he served in the United States Army Security Agency has lived in Pickaway County his entire life.

Ernest was employed at E.I. Dupont for 35 plus years. He has always had a love for standard bred horses and racing which he gained from his father.

He loves being a Circleville Township Trustee and being part of helping his neighbors and friends.

August 2001

Ernest married Nancy Ann Schultz who was born at Berger Hospital in Circleville, Ohio on October 24, 1936 (the Saturday of Pumpkin Show that year) on April 25, 1959.

Nancy graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing and has practiced as a registered nurse for forty-five years. She loves quilting and being with family and friends and the Pumpkin Show.

Ernest and Nancy are active members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Circleville.

They have been blessed with four children: Natalie Ann Martin, a teacher in Circleville City Schools; Nadine Martin Adams, a teacher at Big Walnut High School, Delaware County, Ohio; Nanette Martin Spence, a nurse practitioner at Children's Hospital in Columbus; and Ernest Porter (E.P.) Martin who is the vice president of Co Pac, a company in Spartenburg, South Carolina.

The Martin's have six grandchildren: Madison Martin Spence, Makenna Curtis Spence, Lindsey Marie Adams, William Logan Adams, Audrey Catherine Martin and James Porter Martin. All of the grandchildren were named after a member of their own family, and we are very proud of that. Our children and grandchildren gather as often as we can. We do a Martin weekend every summer.

We are very happy to be a part of Pickaway County History. We will always believe that the nicest and greatest people in the world live in Pickaway

County where we have the "Greatest Free Show on Earth", the Circleville Pumpkin Show.

-Submitted by Ernest Martin

WALDO PORTER MARTIN

Jonathon Martin from Brooks County, Pennsylvania, married Debra McLaughlin, who settled in Pennsylvania at the age of 6 coming from Ireland, was my great, great grandparents. To this union 10 children were born, one of them being James Martin, wife Rachel, my great grandparents, also parents of 10 children, one of them being Charles Franklin Martin, born March 8, 1877, died December 31, 1929, who married Anna Karshner, born January 13, 1877, daughter of John and Alma Karshner, who passed away on July 17, 1922. Charles Franklin Martin and Anna Karshner were married on March 6, 1897 and were the parents of 10 children, 4 boys and 6 girls, one of them being Waldo Porter Martin, the fourth child and second boy. The third son, George Sterling, was injured when he was thrown off a horse, and 5 weeks later died of a fractured skull. Other children born to this marriage were: Lucy (Lowell) Poling, Anthony Wayne (Mabel), Famah (Howard) Norris, Esther (Russell) Kneice, Mary (Roy) Ferguson, Sudie (Raymond Peters) (Marshall) Pritchard, Charles (Marjorie) and Lottie (Clarence) Roberts.

After the death of Anna Karshner Martin on July 17, 1922, Charles Franklin married Mrs. Bertha Leist Calvert on February 28, 1925. There were no children of this marriage.

Porter and Catherine Martin

Waldo Porter was born December 24, 1904, near Laurelville, Ohio, passed away on July 23, 1980, married Florence Iona Valentine, born April 23, 1906, passed away January 27, 1927, and on June 8, 1929 married Catherine Maria Valentine (sister of Florence Iona) who passed away January 21, 1978. To these unions the following were born: Marguerite Ellen (William) Shelton; Marlene Catherine (Owen) Fullen; Vivian Iona (John) Noecker; Betty Jane (Ralph Stir who were divorced, later married Jack Melvin); Porter, Jr. (Sharon); Wilson Lee (Susan); Ernest Gene (Nancy) and Mae Elizabeth (Richard) Huggins, now deceased. All children were born in Circleville or Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. At the time of his death, he was survived by 24 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

In 1929 he moved to what is now known as Bell Station Road, purchasing 80 acres and later an additional 130 plus acres, raising hogs, and grain farming and always had a number of milking cows, which varied from time to time, as he was one of the suppliers of milk for Blue Ribbon Dairy, Circleville. For a short time he drove a school bus for Walnut Township, Pickaway County.

Daddy, P. Martin, Sr.

On April 1, 1935, he and his brother-in-law, Loring Valentine, founded the Blue Ribbon Dairy. At the rear of the Valentine residence at 410 East Mound Street, Circleville, a cement and frame building was erected to house this new venture. In 1940, as the business grew, they purchased a grocery store, just up the street, what is now known as Griffith Carpets, 398 East Mound Street, and again remodeled to accommodate the growing business, where they sold Borden ice cream in the front of the building and processed dairy products in the rear of the building. At some time later, date not known, they purchased Circle City Dairy on Pickaway Street, now part of the parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church, and started making their own ice cream, as well as cottage cheese, orange drink, chocolate milk, coffee and whipping cream, and retailed and wholesaled from this facility. Here, too, they sold ice cream, milk shakes, banana splits and hand dipped ice cream in the front part of the building. The dairy business was a family affair as children of both families helped in some way or another in the business.

During the time of the Mount of Praise Camp Meeting held on Ohio Street, Circleville, where PICCA building is now located, one person was kept busy delivering dairy products, since a dining room was also on the grounds.

They also delivered dairy items to several of the Pickaway County Schools, going to Darby and Williamsport, with schools in between, by means of a stand-up truck, but mostly used horse and milk wagons to deliver the dairy products in Circleville from house to house, starting at 4:00 am. They also delivered dairy products to residential areas in Williamsport.

Due to ill health of Mr. Valentine and Mr. Martin's interest in standard bred racing, the business was sold in 1949.

For a short time he sold Willys cars and had a service center where cars and tractors were repaired.

For the next 29 or so years, he spent his time traveling to different places racing horses, at county fairs and racetracks in Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He even had his own racetrack on the farm and many times people would stop along the road and watch the horses being trained. Most all of his horses were bred and raised on the farm, and most of the names started with Circle and named after a member of the family (that is Circle Mae, etc.). Two sons, Porter Jr. and Ernest helped with the horses, but Ernie was the one who got his license to drive and still owns and trains, but does not drive in races anymore.

In 1978, Waldo Porter earned the Champion Driver Award for the Southeastern Ohio Fair Circuit.

-Submitted by Marlene Fullen

MARTINDALE FAMILY

James Martindale was born about 1751 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Martindale. His grandfather had emigrated from England in 1684 and settled in the Quaker community near Philadelphia. William joined a Quaker migration about 1770 and moved to Union County, South Carolina; settling along the Enoree River. James married his first wife Elizabeth Bishop there about 1771.

James Martindale enlisted in the South Carolina Militia in the spring of 1780 and served as a private for one year in Captain William Young's Company of Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment. He again volunteered in the same company and was elected the rank of Lieutenant and served two more years. He took part in the battle of King's Mountain, where the Loyalists under General James Ferguson were completely defeated. He was also at the siege of 96 under Captain George Avery and participated in many guerilla type actions under the end of the war in 1783.

Alfred and Sarah Martindale, Lloyd and Helen. About 1916.

After the war he moved to North Carolina where his wife died. He married Margaret Alexander in 1787. She was an emigrant from Ireland in about 1775.

The three children from the first marriage went with relatives and other Quakers to the Miami Valley of Ohio where their descendants still live. By 1790 he moved his family to Bed-

ford County, Virginia, after living there about a year he moved to Greenbrier County, Virginia, where they lived until 1809. The last of their children was born that year, and they migrated, that summer, to Addison Township, Gallia County, Ohio.

Children of the first marriage: Samuel, Martha and Thomas; children of the second marriage: John, Druzilla, Tabitha, Joseph, David, Mary, Moses, Andrew S. and James Alexander.

James and his wife helped organize the first Methodist Church in Addison Township. He served for a time as Justice of the Peace. Margaret died after 1830. James died July 7, 1840, and he and his wife were buried near Addison. On November 12, 1995, a new grave stone was dedicated in the memory of James Martindale, in the Rife Cemetery, at the site of the original grave marker. James and Margaret lie next to their daughter Tabitha and her husband Henry Rife.

Andrew S. Martindale born in Greenbrier County, Virginia about 1806. He married Susannah Darst, sister of his brother's wife, prior to 1830 and settled in Salem Township, Meigs County, Ohio. He died in 1858. The children living when his will was made were: Rachael Jane, Lewis Wilson, William Riley, Julia Ann, James, Sarah Mahala, Andrew M., Susannah and Aurelia Christine.

William Riley Martindale, a Civil War Veteran of Company F, 114 Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, mustered in at Camp Circleville and served from 1861 to 1863. He was born October 13, 1833 and died August 13, 1925. He married Emily Reynolds on November 30, 1854 in McArthur, Ohio. His children were Cordila R., Rachael Ann, John Wesley, George Zebina, Alfred Watson, and Harriet Elizabeth.

Alfred Watson Martindale was born April 18, 1870 in Gillespiville, (now Londonderry), Ross County, Ohio. He married Sarah Elizabeth Ackley. He owned land and lived near Orient, Pickaway County, Ohio. His children were Clyde, Ida, Elmer, Warner, Hazel, Estella, Nellie, Christopher, Lloyd Kenneth, Harold, Howard, and Helen. He made a living as a farmer, supporting his family and his aging father. His wife died in 1930 and he married Florence Self. He died in a Pickaway County Nursing Home on January 5, 1965.

Lloyd Kenneth Martindale was born on August 25, 1909 at the family farm in Pickaway County, Ohio. One of thirteen children. He moved to Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, where he lived most of his life. He married Vivian Etta Ingles in 1931. They had two children: Kenneth and Patrick Martindale.

Patrick C. Martindale was born on November 15, 1936. He graduated from Aquinas High School, Columbus, Ohio, in May 1954 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January 1955. He was honorably discharged in January 1958. Patrick is a registered Land Surveyor in the State of Ohio. He married Melinda Marie Harris in 1981 and they reside in Pickaway County, Ohio. Patrick is the father of seven children: Cathy, Steven, Patty, James, Gina, Timothy, and Heather; two of which presently reside in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Patrick Martindale

JOHN JACOB MAST FAMILY

John J. Mast was born on September 3, 1853 in York Township, Morgan County, Ohio. In the fall of 1874 at the age of 21 he moved to Pickaway County, Ohio. On February 14, 1891 Mr. Mast married Emma A. Brinker, daughter of George Brinker, a prominent Walnut Township, Pickaway County, farmer and businessman.

J.J. Mast and team of mules with a load of ear corn. Fall 1913.

During the summer of 1905 John J. Mast constructed a fine ten-room brick house which stands at what is now 1324 Northridge Road. Three children were born to John J. Mast and Emma B. Mast including John B., Phoebe, and George. John J. Mast died October 13, 1919 following an automobile accident on Yearling Road in Columbus, Ohio. Emma Mast died April 30, 1935 and is buried with her husband in Reber Hill Cemetery in Walnut Township. For more on J. J. Mast see the 1906 edition of the History of Pickaway County, Ohio, and Representative Citizens.

John B. Mast was born in 1891 in Pickaway County, Ohio and married Mabel G. Valentine on March 10, 1920. Their wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Valentine, their farm is the present site of the Pickaway County Country Club. John B. and Mabel Mast went to housekeeping on the Earl Riegel Farm which Mr. Mast purchased about 1913. Five children were born to them, they are Helen L., J. Emanuel, Rosemary, Paul, and Wilbur E. Mast. John and Mabel Mast are buried in Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio.

Helen L. Mast was born February 14, 1921. She was a graduate of Circleville High School class of 1939 and worked for General Telephone. She died October 11, 1951.

J. Emanuel Mast was born February 16, 1923 and was a graduate of Washington Township High School, Pickaway County. Emanuel Mast worked on his father's farm and was a woodworker. He died in a motorcycle accident August 30, 1943.

Rosemary Mast was born June 17, 1926. She is a graduate of Circleville High School class of 1944. She worked for the Army Corps of Engineers for two years during World War II and for Container Corporation of America for twelve years. Rosemary Mast married Holman Miller Dunkel October 30, 1954. One son was born to them, Bryan Miller Dunkel on January 1, 1958. Her husband Holman Dunkel died November 24, 1960. She operates Homestead Farm Market on Northridge Road

Paul Mast was born in 1929 and died in 1929 as an infant.

Wilbur Mast was born March 13, 1931. He is a graduate of Circleville High School and served in the U.S. Army after World War II. He operates the Mast Farm Market on Northridge Road and a farm on Hagerty Road. He married Elinor K. Shull November 4, 1961 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Lancaster, Ohio. Two sons were born to them, John E. and Karl S. Mast. Elinor K. Mast died February 24, 1988.

John E. Mast was born November 11, 1964. He married Teresa D. Musselman July 6, 1985. Two sons were born to them: Jarod Mast, June 4, 1993 and Ryan Mast, August 26, 1990. Their father John E. Mast died May 30, 1997.

Karl S. Mast is a graduate of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Phoebe Mast was born May 15, 1894. She married Edgar Affleck McCoy, Jr. March 24, 1925. Two children were born to them, Charles McCoy and Betty Jane McCoy. Edgar A. McCoy died February 3, 1953. Phoebe McCoy died February 12, 1930.

George Mast was born October 17, 1897. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I and married Mary Lathouse. Two children were born to them, Lou Ann Mast and Eleanor Mast. George Mast died January 1, 1967 and his wife Mary died February 8, 1964.

-Submitted by Rosemary Mast Strickland

MAXSON FAMILY

The Maxson family arrived in the New World in Boston on the ship *Griffen* from England in 1634. They lived in Westerly, Rhode Island, until 1742 when they moved with fellow Seventh Day Baptist Church members to Shrewsbury, New Jersey. As a result of destruction and dissention caused by the Revolutionary War, in 1789, they joined the growing migration to the West. About seventy people left Shrewsbury by wagon train. The westward journey eventually led them to New Salem, (West) Virginia in 1792.

Jacob and Ellen Nora Albers Maxson wedding photo. 1882 (WV)

The Maxson's lived in West Virginia over a hundred years before moving to Ohio. The family of Jacob Franklin Maxson along with his wife, Ellen Nora Albers, and their six children: Sarah, George, Nathan, Lodi, Harley, and Oma, moved to Ross County in 1900. Two years after her move to Ohio, Ellen Nora died and was buried in the family plot in Doddridge County, West Virginia. Bertha, Jacob's second wife, was a mail-order bride from southern Georgia who returned to her home a year after the marriage and was not heard from again. His third marriage was to Laura May King in 1908. Jacob and Laura had one living child, James.

Nathan Manon Maxson, born October 3, 1885, in West Virginia, married Margaret Edith Young, born April 23, 1892. They moved to Pickaway County in 1929. They were the parents of: Garnett, Lila, Clarence, George and Marvin. A farmer, Nathan died May 15, 1950. Margaret died October 6, 1963. They are buried in Green Summit Cemetery, Adelphi, Ohio.

George Franklin Maxson, born July 22, 1917 in Ross County, married Eleanora Edna Smith, born July 26, 1916. They were the parents of Elaine, Janet, and Karen. Eleanora, a homemaker, died April 7, 1983. George, a farmer, died September 29, 1997. They are buried in Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery in Pickaway County.

Phyllis Elaine Maxson, September 7, 1936 in Pickaway County, married Donald Poling, born July 16, 1934. Both were teachers. They are the parents of three daughters: Deidre, Kamela and Melinda. Deidre Alain married William Schaefer August 18, 1979. They have two children, Eric and Alaina. Kamela Dawn married Dean Yuricich on June 22, 1985. They have two daughters, Jillian and Rachel. Melinda Jan married James Voorhis on August 4, 1984. They have two daughters, Britney and Chelsey.

Janet Maureen Maxson, born August 24, 1938 in Pickaway County, married Bennie Huffer, born September 1, 1936. Janet was an executive secretary and Bennie a lab technician at DuPont. They have two sons, Randall and Gregory. Randall William married Darah O'Banion July 3, 2004. Gregory Maxson married Shannon Johnson November 21, 2000. Their children are: Taylor, Joseph and Tanner.

Karen Lynne Maxson was born December 9, 1953 in Circleville, Ohio and married Lynn Dunkle, born August 1, 1953. They were married July 18, 1975. Karen is a teacher and Lynn is a farmer. They have two children, Karlyn and Kyle. Karlyn Lenor Dunkle married Anthony Neff July 21, 2001. Kyle Franklin Dunkle married Jennifer Cox July 31, 2004.

-Submitted by Karen Dunkle

MAY

GRANDFATHER CLOCK HISTORY

This is an abbreviated history of the old Lutz grandfather clock which began with Michael Lutz.

Michael J. Lutz, a bachelor, came to America from Germany around 1718. He settled in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, married and had 3 children.

Mary K. May. December 1983

Donald Ashbrook May, lives in Mansfield, Ohio. Retired Pharmacist from Eli Lilly Co.

Son, George Ulrick was born in 1739. The family moved to Mahoning County in northeastern Ohio in 1801.

Hans Jacob Lutz, eldest son of George Ulrick, lived in Bucks and Northumberland Counties in Pennsylvania.

Samuel Lutz was the eldest son of Hans Jacob Lutz. The grandfather clock was purchased on Samuel's birthdate, March 13, 1789, by his father. Later the clock was given to Samuel. Samuel lived in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Samuel's son, Isaac, was the father of Ada Jessie Lutz. He lived in Ross County, Ohio.

Jacob D. Lutz, brother of Samuel, was the father of Mary Lutz. She married Michael May, October 27, 1849. They were the parents of Ira L. May and lived near Circleville, Ohio.

Ada J. Lutz married Ira L. May on September 11, 1879. The grandfather clock was presented by Samuel Lutz and his wife to Ada and Ira on September 11, 1886, the birthdate of their son, Leslie D. May.

Leslie D. May married Mary Ashbrook on November 29, 1911. They had 2 children: Donald A. May, b. July 23, 1913 and Mary K. May, b. October 11, 1916.

Donald A. May married Nell L. Radabaugh on August 19, 1939. They had 2 children: Mary Louise May (Mrs. George S. Hallenbeck) b. October 27, 1940 and Elizabeth Ann May (Mrs. David Clark) b. October 16, 1945.

The grandfather clock was given to Donald A. May by his widowed mother, Mary, in June 1988. On October 16, 2003 it was given to Elizabeth Ann (May) Clark.

-Submitted by Mary Katherine May

MAY FAMILY

Michael May was b. October 7, 1798, d. September 27, 1869 at the age of 71 years. He married Lydia Reiman who d. August 25, 1845. They had 8 children. He married Mary Lutz who was b. April 11, 1813, d. April 11, 1879 at the age of 66 years. They had 3 children: Ira, Rose, and (unknown).

Ira L. May (b. March 28, 1854, d. 1934) was a farmer. He married Ada J. Lutz (b. October 13, 1856, d. 1946). Their sons were Isaac Lutz, Percy, and Leslie. Sons Thompson and Lawrence were deceased.

Leslie Donald May was b. September 11, 1886 and d. December 1, 1956 at the age of 70 years. He was the manager of Circleville Oil Company, Circleville, Ohio. He married Mary I. Ashbrook who was b. July 11, 1892, d. June 27, 1989 at the age of 96 years. They had 2 children: Donald A. and Mary K.

Donald Ashbrook May (b. July 23, 1913) graduated from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio in 1935 and is a retired pharmacist from the Eli Lilley Company. He married Nell Radabaugh who died in 1956. They had 2 children: Mary Louise and Elizabeth Ann. Donald resides in Hilliard, Ohio with his wife Virginia Bouvier.

Mary Katherine May (or Mary K. May) was b. October 11, 1916. She graduated in 1938 from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and is a retired teacher from the Columbus City Public Schools. She resides at 303 E. Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio.

Mary Irene Ashbook May. July 11, 1892 – June 27, 1989

Leslie Donald May. Sept. 11, 1886 – Dec. 1, 1956

Mary Louise May married George S. Hallenbeck. They have 2 children: Susan (Hallenbeck) Tilford and George Jr.

Elizabeth Ann May married David Clark. They have 2 children: Brian and Kari (Clark) Wendowski.

-Submitted by Mary K. May

LAWRENCE MCBRIDE FAMILY

Lawrence Raymond McBride was born December 29, 1923 in Cambridge, Ohio. He was the only son of James and Ethel (Moore) McBride. His father was a lineman for the telephone company. He had one half brother, James (1914-1980), and two half sisters, Helen (1915-1919) and Margaret (1912-1997). Lawrence (Larry) started out in the Army in 1942 and later was in the Air Corps and worked as a radio technician. After World War II, Larry attended Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, for two years and earned an associate degree in engineering from Franklin University, Columbus. Larry worked as a radio control engineer in Marion, Ohio, and later for WHKC in Columbus, Ohio. In 1951, Larry took a job with North American Aviation and retired in 1988.

Larry married Esther Mary Schieser on August 27, 1949. Her parents were Jacob and Blanche (Dum) Schieser. Esther was born July 5, 1928 in her home in Harrison Township, Ashville, Ohio. She graduated from 8th grade at Duvall School and graduated from Ashville-Harrison High School in 1946. She graduated

The McBride Family, 1980. L-R: Carolyn (McBride) Rodine, Richard McBride, Larry McBride, Cynthia McBride, Esther (Schieser) McBride, Robert McBride.

from Ohio State University in December, 1952 with a Bachelors degree in Social Administration. Esther worked several years for the Veterans Administration in Columbus.

Larry and Esther McBride have three children: Richard Philip McBride, born July 16, 1953; Carolyn Eileen McBride, born April 12, 1956; Robert Allen McBride, born February 24, 1962.

Richard graduated from Northland High School in Columbus in 1971. He attended Ohio State University while finishing his senior year at Northland. He graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Business Administration. He learned to fly which still remains a strong interest. Richard works for Caterpillar Tractor Company which has resulted in him living in Peoria, Illinois; Saudi Arabia and France. As of fall, 2004, Richard and his wife, Cathie, now live in Peoria, Illinois. Richard has two children with his former wife, Cynthia (Finicum) McBride: John Jacob (b.1976) and Melissa Renee (b.1980). John Jacob McBride is married to Lenza Denning and lives in Bremerton, Washington. Melissa is married to Greg Davis and lives in Peoria, Illinois.

Carolyn McBride graduated from Northland High School and attended Ohio State University. She married Brock Porter and they later divorced. In 1980, she married Gifford Rodine. Her husband, Gifford, is a metallurgical engineer with Hughes Aircraft. They moved to El Segundo, California about 1982. Carolyn is currently employed by Data Security Processing in California. She and Gifford have no children.

Robert graduated from Teays Valley High School in 1980. He was a member of FFA and helped on the family farm. Robert graduated from Lincoln Technical School in Indianapolis, Indiana. He lived and worked in Longmont, Colorado for several years and later moved to Peoria, Illinois where he is currently working for Ryder Trucking Co. Robert has a son Matthew born in 1986 and an adopted daughter, Mariah. He is married to Diane (Smith) McBride. They were married May 29, 2004.

Larry and Esther moved back to her parent's farm on Ashville Pike in 1973. In January 1989, they moved to their newly built home on Route 23, and in 2005, they moved near their children in Peoria, Illinois.

-Submitted by Esther McBride

MCCAIN FAMILY

The oldest known ancestor is _____ McCain (the elder) born in Ireland.

Next in this line is Peter McCain, born 1804 in Ohio, who married Rachel Spriggs in 1824 at Jackson, Ohio and buried 1894, Antiock Cemetery, Jackson, Ohio.

Next in line is Daniel McCain, born 1844, Jefferson Township, Scioto County, Ohio, who married Elizabeth Leonard and died in 1939 and is buried in Jacobs Cemetery, Scioto County, Ohio.

To this union was born David Henry McCain born 1882 in Jefferson Township, Scioto County, Ohio, who married Tillie Mae Nance born 1892 in Lucasville, Ohio.

The McCains entered the southern part of Ohio as early as 1804. The Greenville Treaty of 1796 opened up Ohio for settlers and people started migrating in from the original thirteen colonies and also from foreign countries. Then the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 opened it further.

This particular branch settled in and around the Ohio counties of Jackson, Scioto, Pike, living mostly in rural settings.

The generations of McCain the Elder listed are:

1. John McCain (the elder) b. Ireland
2. Charles McCain (the elder) b. Ireland
3. Peter McCain, b.1804 in Ohio (probably southern) m. Rachel Spriggs at Jackson, Ohio in 1824; she was also born in 1804 in Ohio (probably southern).

The generations of Peter McCain and Rachel (Spriggs) McCain are as follows:

1. James McCain b.1824 in Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio
2. William McCain b.1825, Pike, Ohio, d.1896 at Washington, Mercer, Ohio, buried Swamp College Cemetery, Mercer, Ohio
3. Peter McCain, Jr. b.1826/27 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, d.1914 Jefferson Township, Scioto County, Ohio, buried Jacobs Cemetery, Scioto, Ohio
4. Sarah McCain b. abt.1829, Ohio, m. 1849 in Jackson, Ohio
5. Anna McCain b.1830 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, m.1851, Jackson, Ohio
6. Benjamin McCain b.1833 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, d.1915 Jackson, Ohio
7. Samuel McCain b.1834 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio
8. Rachel McCain b.1836 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, m.1863 Jackson, Ohio
9. Susanne McCain b.1838 Scioto Township, Jackson County, Ohio, m.1861 Jackson, Ohio, d.1873 Jackson, Ohio
10. Delia McCain b.1839 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, m.1860, Jackson, Ohio
11. Rebecca McCain b.1840 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, m.1860, Jackson, Ohio
12. Daniel McCain b.1844 Jefferson Township, Scioto County, Ohio, m. Elizabeth Leonard abt.1865, d.1929 Jefferson Township, Scioto County, Ohio, buried Jacobs Cemetery, Scioto, Ohio
13. Nancy McCain b.1844 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio, m.1864 Jackson, Ohio
14. Lucy McCain b.1846 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio
15. Leander L. McCain b.1860 Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio.

Late 1920's. The David McCain Family. Back row: David McCain (holding Paul). Irene, Edgar, Gladys. Front Row: Marvin, William, Lewis, Ralph (Mary Lou not born yet, Tillie Mae not in picture.)

One of Daniel McCain's sons was David Henry McCain, who was born in1882 and married Tillie Mae Nance in 1908. The children born to them were as follows:

1. Irene, 1909
2. Gladys M., 1911
3. Edgar O., 1914
4. William O., 1916
5. Marvin M., 1918
6. Lewis, 1921
7. Ralph J., 1923
8. Paul L., 1927
9. Mary Lou, 1929

-Submitted by Mary Lou McCain Brown

PETER MCCAIN FAMILY

Peter McCain I was born before 1776 in Allegheny County, Maryland, and died in 1828 in Scioto County. He supposedly served as a scout with the legendary Simon Kenton in the Revolutionary War in the mid 1790's. He married Ann Hall, November 6, 1792 in Fort Cumberland, Maryland. They had two children: Susannah and Peter II. Susannah was born 1801 in Maryland and died 1894 in Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio. She married Hugh Scott in 1818 in Jackson County, Ohio.

Peter McCain II was born July 1, 1804, Jefferson County, Ohio, and died December 17, 1894 in Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio. He was eleven years old when his family moved here, and later left home to work at the Salt Works in Jackson. He also hauled wood for the Salt Furnace and raised sheep to sell wool. Peter II married Rachel Spriggs, daughter of Daniel Spriggs and Sarah Throckmorton, May 11, 1824 in Jackson County, Ohio. Rachel was

born May 21, 1804 in Jefferson County, Ohio, and died November 15, 1896 in Franklin Township, Jackson County, Ohio. Peter II and Rachel had fourteen children who are: James, William, Peter III, Sarah, Anna, Benjamin, Samuel, Rachel, Susannah, Delilah, Rebecca, Daniel, Nancy, and Ivy. Peter II and four of his sons, all served in the Civil War, at one time. Peter II and Rachel were the oldest couple in Jackson County in 1884 according to the History of Lower Scioto Valley. Both were born in 1804 and both ninety-one years of age and blessed with one hundred and eleven grandchildren.

Daniel McCain was born September 30, 1844 in Jackson County, Ohio and died May 31, 1929 in Marion Township, Pike County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of William Leonard and Rebecca Wallace, January 10, 1867 in Jackson County, Ohio. Elizabeth was born May 25, 1845 in Jackson County, Ohio and died January 10, 1928 in Jefferson Township, Scioto County, Ohio. Daniel and Elizabeth both are buried at Jacobs Cemetery, in Lucasville, Scioto County, Ohio. They had thirteen children: Matilda, Theodore, John, Rebecca, William, Charles, Mary, David, James Harrison, Benjamin, Walter, Rachel, and Jule.

Peter & Rachel McCain

James Harrison McCain was born July 19, 1884 in Lucasville, Scioto County, Ohio and died June 11, 1972, in Grant Hospital-Columbus, Ohio. He married Mary Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Edward Harris and Minnie Cook, July 27, 1909 in Piketon, Ohio. Mary Elizabeth was born June 20, 1893 in Piketon, Ohio and died October 26, 1974 at their home on Town Street in Circleville, Ohio, Pickaway County. Both are buried in Harrison Township Cemetery-Pickaway County, Ohio. They had a total of eleven children: Elizabeth, Edith, Daniel, James Theodore, Eva, Chester, Pauline, Fredia, Gracille, Benjamin, and Donald.

James Theodore McCain was born, August 18, 1916 in Lily Chapel, Madison County, Ohio, and died February 18, 1998 at his home on Sixteenth Road in Stoutsville, Ohio. He worked at a 3 C's Camp during the Depression. He served in the Pacific Theater in WWII. He worked at DCSC in Columbus, Ohio for 34 years. James married Vivian Hamilton, daughter of Dewey Hamilton and Hazel Huber of Kingston, Ohio. Vivian was born November 1, 1921 in Kingston, Ohio and died September 29, 1998 at her home on Sixteenth Road in Stoutsville, Ohio. Vivian worked at GE in Circleville, Ohio for 17 years. Both are buried at Memorial Gardens Cemetery, north of Circleville, on Route 23, in Pickaway County, Ohio. They had four children together, all born and raised and still in 2005 live in Circleville, Ohio. Ronald, born June 14, 1942, who married Geraldine Combs of Hazard, Kentucky; Constance, born July 24 1946, who married Bart Ward of Chillicothe, Ohio; Gerald, born October 11, 1948, who married Nancy Brown of Circleville, Ohio; and Lawrence, born 1954, not married.

-Submitted by Connie L. Ward

RICHARD F., SR. &
HARRIET E. MCCLISH

September 2, 2004: 7210 Bell Station Road, Circleville, Ohio 43113

Richard and Harriet McClish. July 2000.

Harriet and Richard (Dick) McClish moved to Pickaway County, Circleville, Ohio, from northern Franklin County in May 2000. They have six children, three boys and three girls, aged 33 to 41, and 12 grandchildren, who live in central Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee, and Washington state. Three of the children are Dick's. Their mother, Carolie Matthews McClish, died in 1981. Their three children, Kathy (b.1965), Susan (b.1967), and Richard, Jr. (b.1970), were all born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Harriet's three children, Tom (b.1964), David (b.1967), and Christen (b.1972) were born in Ohio and Alaska.

Harriet graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, is a Registered Nurse, specializing in rehabilitation, and has worked in Boston, Alaska, and Ohio. Richard (Dick) is a geologist, who has worked in the oil industry exploration, energy research, computer mapping, and hydrogeology in Louisiana, Arabia, Kanasa, and Ohio. He graduated from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, with a M.Sc. in geology, and attended Tulane University in New Orleans. Both Harriet and Dick are now retired.

Dick's great-great-grandfather, James McClish (b.1776, d.1835) (m. Patience Bishop), first immigrated to central Ohio (Madison Townships of Pickaway and Franklin Counties) from New Jersey about 1800 and farmed a large parcel, including the "School Lands" of the Lockbourne, Ohio area in what is now northern Pickaway and southern Franklin counties. Their path to Ohio was across the Pennsylvania "Main Line" in wagons with several families traveling in a wagon train. Several of the young men and women were married on the way, or shortly after arrival. James and Patience had ten children here, but later emigrated to the newly opened northern Indian Territories of Hancock County, Ohio in 1835. One elder son, William (b.1812, m. Hester Ann Whetsel), had ten children by Hester (d.1865) and eight with Rebecca Shafer (b.1845). His son Frederick (b.1851), married Annie Smith and they had 13 children. Their third youngest child, Robert P. (b.1900, m. 1932, Clara E. Heil) had two sons, Robert (b.1935) and Richard (Dick) (b.1940, m. 1964 to Carolie E. Matthews and 1984 to Harriet E. Berlin-Bills). Many of these ancestors are buried in the Walnut Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery two miles east of US 23, although they lived and farmed in both Pickaway and Franklin Counties. Many of Annie Smith McClish's family are buried in the Hopewell UMC Cemetery on London and Lancaster Road on the Pickaway/Franklin County line.

Dick is a fifth generation Ohio resident and a direct descendant of James and Patience. He is president of the Wm. McClish Family Association which held its 99th annual reunion in August 2004. The centennial reunion was held in August of 2005.

-Submitted by Harriet McClish

WILLIAM MAJOR MCCOLLISTER

William Major McCollister was born to William Sherman and Barbara Weidinger on October 30, 1896 in Yellowbud, Ohio. His parents named him Major in honor of their best friend, Major Dunlap. His grandparents, Amaziah and Hester (Kline) McCollister were long time residents of the area.

William Major McCollister

He had three sisters and a brother, Clarence, who died in infancy. Edna was born 1888 and died 1966. She married Logan Shasteen. Ethal was born 1890 and died 1896. Hazel was born 1893 and died 1971. She married Charles T. Carter.

Major married Audry Cook, daughter of Eliza and Zula (Henry) Cook on January 1, 1919. They

had one son who died in infancy and a daughter Gwendolyn, who was born February 9, 1920.

Major worked on a farm and hauled coal as a young man. He was unloading coal on February 24, 1922 at the Springbank School when the infamous cyclone hit the Yellowbud area. The team of horses panicked and ran toward a large tree, one horse on each side of the tree. The wagon tongue went though the tree and part of the tongue was later found when the tree was cut down.

Major's daughter Gwen married Homer Dum on February 26, 1940 and they had one son, Boyd Rife, who was born December 12, 1940.

Boyd married Marie (Harris) on September 11, 1965. To this union five sons were born: James, Douglas, Gary Lee, and the twins David and Brian. Brian and his wife Kimberly Diehl had Major's first great great grandchildren, Mason and Carson Dum.

Major's wife Audry died October 20, 1939 and he remarried December 13, 1948 to Francis Fife. He quit farming and went to work for the Ohio State Penitentiary as a guard. He was very well liked as a guard even when he was taken prisoner during a riot, they did not hurt old Mac. The prisoners made many things for Major including a bronze bar with his name on it.

Major died October 14, 1983 and our family has his night stick and the bronze name bar.

-Submitted by Marie Dum

JOSEPH A. MCCOY FAMILY

Joseph Alton McCoy was born in Adams County, Ohio on December 4, 1911. Most of Joe's family resided in and around Bainbridge, Ohio. He married Lahoma Virginia Sprague (born on August 24, 1916) in 1933. After living in Fayette County for a few years they moved with new son, Joseph Edward, to Columbus.

Joe A. & Lahoma McCoy. Christmas 1950

Joe A., or Big Joe as he was called, drove trucks during the war. He was a gunnery sergeant in the National Guard and was called to duty at the burning of Ohio Penitentiary formerly located on Neil and Spring Streets in Columbus in the 1930's. Lahoma, or Sib as family and friends know her, worked as Rosie the Riveter making precision parts for the war effort. She also worked as a dental assistant during those years.

In 1947, they bought an 80-acre farm on Darby Creek Road from longtime owners, the Puckett Family. After a year of driving back and forth from Columbus to the farm everyday to chase cattle they moved into the original homestead on the farm which has been torn down. In 1950, they began building a new home on the southern end of the farm at 13239 Darby Creek. Due to construction delays this house took 2 years to complete. They moved in the fall of 1952 and son Timothy Cole was born in December. Later they added a pond to the front of the house and have planted hundreds of trees and native flowers in the ravines on the farm and along Greenbrier Creek which flows through the center of the farm.

Big Joe drove semi-trucks for Three-C Trucking and retired from the Teamsters. In his early years he played semi-professional baseball. He enjoyed his family and living on the farm. Joseph A. died in 1974.

Sib worked during the 1950's doing market research by telephone in the evenings and during the day worked at Orient State Institute, later known as Orient Developmental Center. She retired from Orient as the Telephone Switchboard Supervisor. She has enjoyed many years of gardening and was a State Champion Floral Arranger participating locally and at The Ohio State Fair. She later married Paul R. Sheets in 1977 and enjoyed traveling with him across the U.S.A. Paul R. Sheets died in 2000. Sib still enjoys traveling and her grandchildren.

Son, Joseph E. was married to Pat Chappelear from Greenville, South Carolina. Their children, Kelly and Kevin, were both born while living on the farm. Joseph E. died in 2001. Kelly McCoy Henson currently lives with her husband, Mike, and sons Justin and Jacob in Greer, South Carolina. Kevin and his wife Dana with son Kyle live near Atlanta, Georgia.

Son, Timothy C. married Shirley Fields, also a lifelong resident of Darby Township on October 20, 1988. They have a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, born in July 1991. They currently live on the family farm.

-Submitted by Tim McCoy

TIM & SHIRLEY MCCOY FAMILY

Timothy Cole McCoy was born to Joseph Alton and Lahoma Virginia Sprague McCoy on December 20, 1952 and has lived on the family farm since. Tim enjoyed growing up on the farm and being in 4-H and scouts during his youth. A 1971 graduate of Westfall High School he followed his father and brother Joseph Edison into the freight industry in 1973 and later as a Teamster from 1978 to 1990. He graduated from Columbus State Community College in 1995.

Tim married Shirley Fields on October 20, 1988 who had also lived near Derby, Ohio all of her life. They have one daughter, Amy Elizabeth, born on July 22, 1991. As a family they attend and are involved in The Derby United Methodist Church.

Shirley was a 1976 Westfall graduate. No longer able to be a 4-H member, she continued being involved in 4-H as an Advisor to the Darby Flying Needles 4-H Club until 1985. Initially she worked as a hospital aide at Orient State Institute having returned after graduating from C.O. T.C. in Newark, Ohio in 1980 as a R.N. in the Frazier Health Center. In 1981, she traveled to Hong Kong and China with cousin Barbara J. Vance. When she returned, she decided to move to Columbus and worked at the Veterans Affairs Outpatient Medical Clinic on Kenny Road. During that time she completed a B.S.N. at Franklin University in 1983 and completed graduate school at The Ohio State University in 1985 with a M.S.N. specializing in Gerontology. While in school she worked as a home health nurse for Life Care Alliance. Her nursing practice has been as a teacher at The Ohio State University College of Nursing, Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist at Riverside Methodist Hospital, and now teaching at The Ohio State University Medical Center. She has been involved in the American Nurses Association at the national level as one of the initial Board of Directors for The Center of American Nurses located in Washington D.C.

Tim & Amy McCoy. July 1999, Watching the birds.

Amy Elizabeth goes to Westfall Schools. Her participation in the Discovery Program at school led to her being invited to be a Student Ambassador in the People to People Program on a trip to California in 2003 and more recently to Europe in 2005. Amy carries on the family involvement in 4-H as a member of the Darby Fine and Dandy club with her cats.

Over the years many innovative things have been used and grown on the McCoy Family Farm including extensive no tilling to prevent erosion. New crops to the area such as canola and popcorn have been grown. The McCoy's began raising ostriches in 1995. They are grown for meat sales, hides and eggs. The farm has had as many as 200 birds. The bird population is based on projected sale and weather conditions during breeding season. The farm ground is currently used to grow seed for R Farm Seed Company. All hopes are for the farm to stay productive and in the McCoy Family for generations to come.

-Submitted by Shirley McCoy

DAVE MCDONALD FAMILY

David McDonald's first contact with Pickaway County was in 1946, when he met Ben Gordon of Gordon's Tire and Accessories. Mac was Seiberling Rubber Company's representative for this area, and since tires were still a scarce item after WWII, a contact was made with Pool's Goodyear, at 113 E. Main Street, where Dr. Joe

Irlan Ritche and Mac McDonald.

Goeller occupied the upstairs. In June, 1947, this location became Mac's Goodyear, where tire sales and service, along with some appliances and hardware was open for business to Pickaway County trading area. Mac, at that time, lived in Gahanna and commuted for six months as rental properties were practically non-existent in Circleville. To find a place for his family to live, it was necessary to buy a house. So the David McDonald family, consisting of wife Mary Helen (Roush) and 2 sons, David and Thomas, found 121 Park Street to be satisfactory. At that time Wilson Avenue was one block long, the last street in town going north, and Park Street was one block long. The Atwater School location was a cow pasture.

Mac was a native of Monroe Township in Muskingum County. He was #2 of five children, attended Grannys Knob one room school, Monroe Rural High School and graduated from Muskingum College in 1937 and spent four years with Seiberling Rubber Company before joining the U.S. Army Air Corps and completed pilot's training in February, 1942, at Luke Field in Phoenix, Arizona. His time with 10th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 50th Fighter Group carried him from Florida to England, France and Germany. The group's 30-day leave in September, 1945 discovered President Truman was their friend and put a sudden and definite end to our WWII activities, making is possible to get an honorable discharge in December, 1945 rather than to journey to Japan as planned.

Since both Mac and Mary Helen had farm backgrounds, the freedom and open area of country living influenced them to secure land from John Evans, who had purchased some acreage from Paul Valentine on Dunkel Road. Mr. Turney Glick owned the farm land across the road where Ralph McDill farmed and we were at that time out in the country – only three miles from our store and close to school and church. McDonald's built their new home in 1955 and by then three children were getting involved in school activities.

#1 son, David, later married Sharon Evans and finished Ohio State University Veterinary School. After graduation they settled near Medina, Ohio and practiced vet medicine and had one daughter, Rebecca Ann. Their failed marriage resulted in David's second marriage to Johnna Miller. Thomas graduated from Ohio State University Dental College, married Nancy May, a product of Logan Elm High School and #2 daughter of Roger and Markie May on Tarlton Road. This union gave the McDonald's two grandsons – T.R. and Johnathon. Orlando, Florida was home for them. Our #3 child was Mary Kathryn, who graduated from Muskingum College and after graduation married James Archer of Circleville, who added two more grandchildren to our family, Kimberly and J.D. Their productive and exciting life started in Columbus, then to Lima, Ohio, on west to Montana, Colorado and finally to Missouri, where together they own and operate a small tool manufacturing business.

Pickaway County and the good, industrious and considerate people have made this area a "good neighbor" community. Living here and raising our family here has left us with many years of happy memories. Our prayer is for continued progress in Pickaway County and that we have had a small part in making this a better place to live.

-Submitted by David McDonald

JAMES LEVI MCGRADY & LOUISE JANE LUNSFORD

James Levi McGrady was born in 1856 in Perry County, Ohio, the son of James and Esther Ross McGrady. He married Louise Jane Lunsford in 1885 in Hocking County, Ohio, where he was raised. Louisa Jane was born in 1867 in Morgan County, Ohio, the daughter of George and Julia Anderson Lunsford.

Louisa Jane Lunsford and James Levi McGrady. c. 1930's

James and Louisa live in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio on Rt. 56. They had Cora in 1886, who married Clarence Hoffines; Dora in 1887 who married Thomas Williard; Laura born in 1889 and died in 1890; Etta in 1893 who married Daniel Leasure, Fred Vincent, and George Williams; James C. in 1897 who married Marion Davis; Rosa in 1899 who married Lindsey Miller, and Ameda in 1902 who died as a child.

Louisa remembered the blue peaches she ate as a child. They were so good. She was very quiet until she got riled. She washed all the clothes on a board and boiled the whites to get them clean.

They would have apple butter parties. Everyone would come to help. The women would sit around and peel apples and put them into a big iron kettle. The fire would be under it. They added water and stirred with a paddle all night. They did not add sugar. The women would sit around the fire, talking, sewing, knitting, and doing hard work all night. When it was ready in the morning, they would put it in crocks and seal with red sealing wax.

They also had sewing parties and quilting parties. The women would gather to sew or quilt.

The McGradys shared a loom with other families. They would also gather for meals. James would shear sheep for himself and others. Louise would spin the yarn for weaving. Louise made comforters and cloth.

They had a big garden. Louisa would plant and James would come and check each plant. Louisa told him to do it all himself. They kept the grass cut where they sat only. They cut with sheep shires and by pulling weeds. In the outhouse they had straw or hay. Once in a while they would have paper. They got the Ashville paper once a week. The bed ticks were full of fresh straw once a year. They raised most all they ate. Some they traded for. They had less meat than vegetables. They worked constantly.

They cared for their grandchildren; Lester Leasure was raised by them and Elsie Leasure later.

It was common for herds of cattle to go by their home on the dirt road #56. They were going into Circleville to the railroad.

James died in 1947 in his sleep in Tarlton. Louisa moved to Stoutsville and died there in 1946. They are both buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Martha Riffle

ULIN FARREL MCGHEE FAMILY

Ulin McGhee was a prominent farmer and cattle buyer on his well cultivated farm in Pickaway County located on Rt. 56 in Jackson Township. This was the start of this branch of the MCGHEE'S living and working in Pickaway County for the last 150 years. Ulin McGhee was born 1832 in Licking Township, Jackson County, Ohio. His father was John S. McGhee Sr. (7th generation from Scotland) born on January 4, 1780 in Bedford County, Virginia, and his mother Priscilla (Ratcliff) McGhee born in 1797 had 11 children and his occupation was a wagon maker. Ulin F. married Louisa Plummer in 1855 and decided to buy some land in Pickaway County. They had 6 children living on the farm on Rt. 56 up the road from the Old Lick Run Church. Emma born 1855, Nina A. born 1857, Mary M. born 1859, Hiram G. born 1861, Laura M. born 1864 and Frederick Rosengrant born 1865.

Ulin F. McGhee was a farmer and cattle buyer and often went to the southern part of Ohio to buy cattle. He often sold cattle to different farmers

on his way home. On one of his buying trips (1868) he became ill, fell from his horse and died in a fence row at a very young age (38). This left his widow Louisa with many small children to raise. Ulin F. was a very prosperous farmer owning 2 farms before he died. She had the help of her brother Harrison Plummer (Civil War veteran) to take Hiram to go buy and sell cattle. She proved to be a good business woman and as a widow carried on the work on the farm with the help of a good hired hand. She educated all of her children that lived with college degrees, saved her farm and bought more land during her lifetime.

L-R: Laura McGhee Holland, George C. McGhee, & Mary McGhee Metzger Gearhardt

Of her children, Nina McGhee married John Crookham and her sister Emma and Mary M. died due to Tuberculosis. Frederick Rosengrant married, had a college degree and became a pharmacist and lived in Wellston, Ohio (they had no children).

Hiram Guffy before he married had a college degree from Eastman University, then went West to Iowa and Texas where he worked as a cowboy and in a country store for a few years. When he returned to Ohio (1891) he married Minnie B. Crookham (born 1871). They lived on the Ulin F. McGhee farm for a few years until they bought their own farm in Perry Township on Rt. 22 near Atlanta where they brought up six children. After the sudden death of his wife Minnie B. McGhee age 38 (1909), Laura B. (age 3) was taken by her Aunt Laura Harrison to make her home at Wellston, Ohio. According to Mary McGhee Metzger she recalled it was hard to keep a housekeeper with 5 ornery kids running around the house all the time, therefore she learned early how to keep house and cook.

Laura May McGhee (1864-1956) was the youngest daughter of Ulin and Louisa McGhee born on her fathers Jackson Township farm in Pickaway County. She attended school in Circleville, and at St. Mary's of the Springs in Columbus and Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. In 1886 she married Dr. Calvin B. Harrison and moved to Wellston, Ohio. Her husband and brother Frederick R. McGhee were in business together. They owned the Palace Drug Store in Wellston. Dr. Harrison being both a Doctor and a pharmacist lived and worked there until he came down with tuberculosis leaving Laura a young widow. She helped out her brother Hiram after he lost his wife (Minnie) and took the youngest child, Laura B. McGhee, to raise. In (1910) she married Frank B. Kibby (Pharmacist) and continued to live in Wellston and helped run the drug store. Frank and Laura Kibby decided to come to Williamsport, Ohio in 1916, where they owned and operated the "Frank Kibby Pharmacy and Soda Fountain." They eventually sold it to Mr. Lee Luellen, who owned it for a number of years. Frank Kibby then engaged in insurance, farming and real estate with Charles May of Circleville, Ohio. Frank Kibby died 1942 and his wife continued to live with Mary Metzger and Laura B. Holland until her death 1956.

First son of Hiram and Minnie, Ulin F. (1891-1967). He farmed and married Leita Wicks 1914 in Iowa. Then later in life married Marie M. Skinner (1937) who had 1 daughter, Jane Hope, 3 sons George, John and Jay (Skinner) of Clarksburg and Williamsport area.

Harry G. McGhee (1893-1956) carried on the family trade of being in the business of buying and selling cattle. He was quite good at his trade and became a very prominent man, large land owner in Pickaway, Fayette and Highland Counties. He also served in the Army in World War I in France and Italy. He became involved in many community organizations and became the stockholder and director of the Farmer's National Bank at Williamsport for 22 years, assuming the duties from his father Hiram G., who held that post before him. Harry G. McGhee married Dorothy Dickey in 1919 and they had one child, Elizabeth D., who married Charles Edwin Frazier (1942) who had 3 daughters: Suzanne, Bonnie, and Marsha.

The third son of Hiram and Minnie McGhee was Rex born in (1895-1938) who became an insurance and real estate agent after he went to school and served in World War I in the Navy. He was married 3 times but had no children. Because of poor health and despondency over another unfortunate unhappy marriage he took his own life on his farm on Judas Road near Williamsport.

George C. (1899-1982) died on his farm on Locust Grove Road, Williamsport, Ohio. He went to college in the south and worked in the oil fields to earn extra money. He had a chance to teach History at Columbia University but decided to come home to Ohio and teach school. He became a well-known farmer, and had his own insurance agency. He married Florence Hinson (1930) and after they were married she completed her teaching diploma which she used until she retired. They had no children.

Mary L. McGhee (1901-1981) born on Rt. 22 near Williamsport. Upon graduation from high school she was told to pack her bags as she was being sent to Ohio Wesleyan University for more education. She graduated and started teaching in high school at Williamsport – her salary was $1400 a year. Her first graduating class had her sister (Laura McGhee), John Dunlap, Bernice Hulse, who became well-known people in the community. Mary married Samuel B. Metzger in 1927. He had his own Funeral Business. She had a daughter Kathryn (1932) and one son Robert Hiram (1935). She stayed active in the community by being in numerous organizations and was for a time the clerk on the Williamsport School board. She started back to teaching in 1946. She taught 7th and 8th grades at Williamsport. In 1956 she married Carl B. Gearhart, a well-known retired farmer in Ross County. Kathryn L. married Thomas M. Carter (1954) and had 2 daughters: Diana Lynn and Barbara Ann, all are living in Arizona. Robert Hiram married Patricia Jones in 1959 and they have 2 daughters, Crystal and Lori. Robert and Patricia bought the McGhee Insurance Agency and has continued the business in Williamsport under the name of "Metzger Insurance".

Laura B. McGhee (1905-1985) was raised by her Aunt Laura M. (Harrison) Kibby for a short time in Wellson, Ohio before they moved to Williamsport and bought the building to be known as the Frank Kibby Pharmacy. Laura graduated from Miami University in 1928 as a arts and music major and taught school for 14 years until she married Charles C. Holland of London, Ohio (1943). He was a well-known retired farmer and stock buyer (no children).

-Submitted by Kathryn L. Metzger Carter

LT. COL. MARGARET E. MCKENZIE

Lt. Col. Margaret Elizabeth McKenzie was born in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, February 4, 1910, the daughter of Samuel P. and Florence (Petty) McKenzie. She graduated from Pickaway Township School in 1928 as valedictorian of her class.

Margaret received her bachelor of science degree in nursing education from the College of Mount St. Joseph, Mount St. Joseph, Ohio. She earned a master of science degree with a major in nursing service administration and minor in counseling and guidance from Catholic University of America. She is also a graduate of operating room course at Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, and flight nurse course, Gunther Air Force Base, Alabama.

LiCol. Margaret E. McKenzie, Feb. 28, 1963

Prior to entering the service, Margaret was on the faculty of Seton School of Nursing, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Educational Director at Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Educational Director and Director of Nurses at St. John's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

Margaret joined the Air Force in 1943 reporting to Wright Patterson Air Force Base. In 1944, she went to the European Theatre of Operations. She holds many decorations including battle stars for the Battle of the Rheinland and the Battle of Central Europe. Following World War II, she served at Wright Patterson Air Force Base; went to Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam, Houston, Texas; then to Headquarters U.S.A.F., Washington, D.C.; Chief Nurse of the Ninth Aeramedical Evacuation Squadron at the Tachikawa Air Base, Japan; Assistant for Nursing Services, Pacific Air Force; and the U.S.A.F. Logistics Command, served on the Headquarters Inspection General Team U.S.A.F. (inspection of nursing service activities in Air Force Hospitals world wide).

Following retirement, she was an Educational Coordinator at Mt. Carmel Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio; and served as a volunteer with the American Cancer Society as a Reach to Recovery Coordinator. She was a member of the Sigma Theta Tau (National Nursing Honor Society) and Pi Gamma Mu (National Social Science Honor Society).

Margaret died December 4, 1986, and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Nancy Smith

MARGARET ELLEN MCKENZIE

Margaret Ellen McKenzie was a respected citizen of Pickaway Township. Her parents moved from Vinton County to Jackson Township, Pickaway County, when she was young. She attended school in Circleville, Ohio and before her marriage she taught school for two years.

Margaret was a woman of remarkable business ability and when her husband became ill, she oversaw the farm's daily operations. She and her family were devoted members of the Catholic Church.

Margaret was born May 10, 1856, in Wilkesville Township, Vinton County. She was the daughter of Patrick and Mary (Murphy) Ward, who came to Pickaway County in the early 1860's. Patrick was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and Mary in County Longford. Mary's parents were Patrick and Ellen Murphy from County Longford, Ireland.

On April 26, 1875, Margaret married Leo McKenzie at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Circleville. They went to housekeeping on a 78-acre farm in Pickaway Township.

Leo was born May 5, 1848, in Ross County. He was the son of Samuel and Margaret McKenzie who came to Wayne Township, Pickaway County, in the 1850's and then settled in Pickaway Township in 1875. Samuel's parents, Gabriel and Rachel (Blubaugh) McKenzie were from Cumberland, Maryland. Margaret's parents were Caleb and Margaret (Magers) McKenzie from Knox County, Ohio.

Leo died September 5, 1922, and Margaret died May 25, 1951, at age 95. Both died on the Pickaway Township farm where they lived their entire married lives and are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Circleville.

Leo and Margaret's ten children were: **John**, born March 14, 1876; **Mary**, b. September 21, 1877; **Samuel**, b. September 22, 1879; **Leo**, b. January 11, 1882; **Francis**, b. November 3, 1883; **Katherine**, b. July 21, 1886; **Margaret**, b. March 20, 1889; **Elizabeth**, b. July 21, 1891; **Ruth**, b. February 10, 1894; and **Antoinette**, b. December 5, 1896.

McKenzie, 4 generations. Back row: Francis, Samuel. Front row: Robert, Margaret Ward McKenzie. 1941.

John, married Mary Elizabeth Trainer, was a farmer in Pickaway Township all his life. Children: Esther, Marcellus, Lawrence, Cyril, Antoinette, Evangela and Paul.

Samuel, married Florence Petty, was a farmer in Pickaway Township until he retired to Circleville in 1948. Children: Margaret (see separate biography), Francis, Rose Mary (see separate biography), Ruth, Rita and Eugene.

Mary raised chickens on the McKenzie farm and her many hundred layers provided eggs on a well-run commercial basis. She was literally the "Chicken Queen". **Leo** operated the McKenzie farm and helped Mary with raising the chickens. **Ruth**, lived at home, studied piano and gave piano lessons. All three were single.

Katherine taught elementary school for 29 years – first in one-room schools and then at Pickaway School. She married Ralph Head.

Margaret ("Madge") graduated from Mt. Carmel School of Nursing and worked as a nurse in Xenia. She married William Hallisy.

Antoinette died as a young child of a blood disease.

These eight children are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Francis ("Frank") moved West for health reasons. He was a businessman who became Mayor of Hermiston, Oregon. He married Georgia O'Daniel. He is buried in Hermiston. Children: George, Gerald and Francis.

Elizabeth ("Sister Mary Christopher") was a teacher and became a Religious Nun of the Sisters of Charity. She is buried at the Mt. Saint Joseph Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The McKenzie family was active in their community.

-Submitted by Barbara McKenzie

SAMUEL PATRICK MCKENZIE

Samuel Patrick McKenzie was born September 22, 1879 in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, the son of Leo and Margaret Ward McKenzie. He married Florence Petty on February 8, 1909, the daughter of John and Ellen Hudson Petty. Samuel was a farmer and a Pickaway Township Trustee for many years. They had six children: Margaret, Francis, Rose, Mary, Ruth, Rita and Eugene. All graduated from Pickaway Township High School, Pickaway County, Ohio, except Rita, who died at age sixteen from nephritis.

Margaret was born February 4, 1910. She enlisted in the United States Army Air Force Nurse Corps in 1943. She received two battle stars in World War II. She retired as a Lt. Col.. She graduated from Catholic University with a masters degree in Nursing Administration. Margaret died December 4, 1986 from cancer.

Francis was born March 26, 1911 and was a farmer. He married Virginia Overly in 1938. They had two children, Robert and Catherine. Robert was born June 30, 1939. Robert married Peggy Hartman from Cleveland and they had a daughter, Christina. Robert had McKenzie Composition Service in Cleveland. Peggy died March, 1992. Robert died March 2, 2003. Christina married Kevin Leneghan September 20, 1995. They have a daughter, Margaret, born August 15, 2002. Catherine was born June 25, 1941. She lives in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She works for the Southern Bell Telephone Company. She has B.S. and M.B.S. degrees from Brevard College, Florida.

Rose Mary was born March 28, 1912. She enlisted in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in May 1941. After twenty years in the service, she retired as a Major. Rose Mary married Michael Fields in May, 1959. Michael died October 6, 1996. Rose Mary lives in Circleville, Ohio.

Ruth was born March 20, 1913 and retired from teaching elementary school after forty years. She married Mikel Thompson. They had a daughter, Nancy, born January 17, 1944. Ruth graduated from Ohio University with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. Nancy married Donald Rowland and had two children, Robin, born September 10, 1964 and Scott, born February 27, 1969. Robin married John Handshey and they have two daughters, Amanda, born December 19, 1985 and Lauren, born March 19, 1990. Scott married Julie Hartman and they have a son, Tyler. All live in Circleville, Ohio.

Eugene was born December 27, 1918 and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force on March 25, 1945. He served 23 years as an Air Traffic Controller. He married Rea Nicholas in 1950. Their daughter, Patricia, was born December 26, 1952. After retirement, Gene worked in the Day-

ton Post Office. Both Gene and Rea are buried in the Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. Patricia is an LPN and works in Dayton, Ohio.

-Submitted by Robin Handshey

JOHN MCKINLEY FAMILY

John McKinley was born March 13, 1797 in Hardy County, Virginia and died in Pickaway County, Ohio April 29, 1876. According to his obituary he was a mail carrier in Virginia during the War of 1812 and carried the peace message from Romney to Clarksburg in 1814. He rode the distance of 110 miles without ever dismounting. He was loudly praised for this great feat. John came to Pickaway County before 1820 and settled near Darbyville, Ohio. He was a local preacher and Methodist meetings were held in his home as early as 1826. On April 9, 1853, a school district was organized in Darbyville, Ohio and John was elected trustee for a three-year term.

Smith and Gochenour Family Reunion about 1880 in Jacktown, Scioto Twp.

John first married Sarah Yoakum, born December 14, 1794 in Hardy County, Virginia. Their children were David, Susan, Elizabeth, Abel Seymour, Harriet, Mary R., Joseph Hill and John Wesley. Sarah died March 20, 1835.

John's second wife was Margaret Miller, born October 28, 1807. She was the daughter of Abraham Millar and Sarah Traxel. Their children were Russell Bigelow, William H. and Sarah Jane. Margaret died May 17, 1848.

Russell married Ellen Hill, born November 7, 1835, on December 23, 1869 in Pickaway County. She was the daughter of Thomas Hill and Julia Ann Sharp. They were the parents of Harry B., James Seymour, and Joseph Helmick. Russell served in the Civil War. Ellen died September 2, 1906 and Russell died February 1907.

Harry married Mary Ann Gochenour, August 21, 1895. She was born near Commercial Point, Ohio on July 4, 1874, the daughter of Joseph Gochenour and Aurilla Prindle. Their children were Merle; Roy; Gladys, born November 6, 1899; Faye; and Russell. Harry died December 8, 1906 and Mary Ann died January 1, 1937.

Gladys married James "Weaver" Rae on December 24, 1917. He was the son of Alexander Rae and Elizabeth Bolen. Their children were Mary, born January 12, 1919; Bertha, born May 19, 1920; James B.W., born October 13, 1922 and Barbara, born December 10, 1936. Weaver died September 4, 1975 and Gladys died November 25, 1986.

James married Betty Begenrife on February 14, 1946. She was the daughter of Floyd Bogenrife and Edith Crawford. Their children were Sandra and Carole. James served in World War II. He died March 23, 1995.

Sandra married Paul Crissinger, son of Loren Crissinger and Bernice Wilson, on February 21, 1970. Their children were Leanne, who married Lance Watkins, and Steven, who married Julie Stafford.

-Submitted by Sandra Crissinger

BARBARA DEFENBAUGH MEADE

Barbara's life began January18, 1933 in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, the second daughter of Bill and Gwen Defenbaugh. She spent eighteen wonderful years on the farm in Saltcreek Valley with three sisters – Lois, Mary Ann and Edith – and with many friends of Saltcreek School. She graduated from high school in 1951. The following year she entered college at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and graduated in 1955 with a degree in Elementary Education. She did her student teaching in kindergarten at Rufus Putnam Elementary School on the Ohio University Campus.

Her first year of teaching was at Granville Elementary in 1955 in Granville, Ohio, with first graders. She met many interesting people while there, but this small town as lovely as it was did not offer many young men her age, so she decided to return to Pickaway County and taught second grade at Mound Street School in Circleville for two years from 1959-1961. While living in Circleville, she met Lewis Meade from Portsmouth, Ohio and they married March 30, 1961. They headed west at the close of the school year to Greene County where her Uncle Vaughn Lewis, County Superintendent, needed teachers and there was more opportunity for advancement. This was a difficult move for her as her father died, due to a truck accident, in May of 1961. Lew and Barbara taught at Beavercreek Schools – she at the elementary level and Lew at the junior high level. After four years at Beavercreek, they decided to go to Xenia to teach as they moved to a nice Cape Cod house across the street from an elementary school. Tecumseh School was her second home (or so it seemed) for the next thirty years. She taught first grade for three years and kindergarten for twenty-seven years.

L-R: Sarah, Lew and Barbara (in front).

Lew ventured into a business endeavor for a company that reimbursed him for furthering his education. He entered the master's program for school administration. After teaching two years in Xenia, he served as principal at Cedarville Elementary, Cedarville, Ohio. Then it was Barbara's turn to earn a master's degree in Curriculum and Supervision at Wright State University.

In 1973 Sarah Meade came into our lives. She was educated in the Xenia schools, enjoying her junior year in England as a Rotary exchange student. She also had another opportunity to go abroad following her junior year in college. She spent the summer in the Czech Republic helping teenagers with their English. Sarah received her Bachelor's Degree from Miami University in 1995 and resides in Columbus.

Lew and Barbara have participated in community activities both serving as elders and deacons at Memorial United Presbyterian Church, members and president of the Green County Retired Teachers, and members of Eastern Star. Lew belongs to the Lions Club and Barbara is a member of Kiwanis. They both missed being involved with people so have joined the staff of Christian Schools for a couple of years since retirement. They hope to stay active and serve their community for many years to come.

-Submitted by Barbara D. Meade

SAMUEL MERRIMAN FAMILY

Samuel Merriman was born August 17, 1789 in Lansing, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, and died July 5, 1881 in Colerain Townsip, Ross County, Ohio. He married Catherine Sellers about 1813 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. She was born May 6, 1784 in Hilltown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania and died February 19, 1855 in Colerain Township, Ross County, Ohio. They were the parents of Maria, Mary, Sarah Ann, Eleanor, Julia Ann, Jonathan, Emily, Almira (Elmira), Amanda, and William Beman. The first 5 children were born in Pennsylvania and the last 4 were born in Ross County, Ohio. Samuel was nicknamed the "Wild Cat Screamer" and reportedly traveled the Ohio River at a young age with Mike Fink. After going to Ross County, Ohio, he was a farmer. They are buried in Jones Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio.

Jonathan Merriman was born October 16, 1825 in Ross County, Ohio and died May 6, 1874 in Ross County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Polen on August 3, 1851 in Ross County. She was born May 25, 1822 in Ross County and died April 18, 1882 in Ross County. She was the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Schreckler Flick (Frick) Polen. Children of Jonathan and Elizabeth were Simon P., Elmira, Elizabeth Jane, Rebecca, John Woodrow, Catherine June, Samuel Benjamin, and Minerva E. Jonathan was a farmer. They are buried in Jones Cemetery, Ross County.

Samuel B. Merriman was born July 5, 1860 in Colerain Township, Ross County, Ohio and died June 11, 1915 in Pickaway County, Ohio. He married Bemia Strawser on December 3, 1882 in Hallsville, Ross County, Ohio. She was born July

Samuel Merriman Family. Photo of Samuel & Bemia Strawser Merriman taken at the Pumpkin Show in Oct. 1910. They won a Stockman sewing machine for most children present. L-R, top: Odward, Willard, Silas Eber, Walter, Elgin. Middle: Orpha, Glen, Even, Relis. Bottom: Thelma, Bemia holding Erma, Samuel, Juanita and Mary.

31, 1860 in Colerain Township, Ross County, to Julia Strawser. Bemia married William Compton after Samuel's death. She died January 17, 1941 in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. Samuel was a farmer and moved to Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio about 1902. They were the parents of Silas Eber, Mary Elizabeth, Walter Jonathan, Odward Benjamin, Willard D., Samuel Elgin, Anna Florence, Thelma Pearl, Relis, Orpha Ellen, Juanita (Waneda), Glennis, Even Melvin, and Margaret Erma. The last four children were born in Pickaway County. Samuel and daughter Anna Flo, who died in 1896 at 8 months old, were buried in Jones Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio and on March 25, 1942 their remains were moved to Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. In 1910 they won a Stockman Sewing Maching for having the most children (13) present at Pumpkin Show.

Thelma Pearl Merriman was born in Colerain Township, Ross County, Ohio on September 9, 1897 and died in Circleville, Ohio on October 29, 1966. She married Arthur Leon Minor on January 26, 1915 in Pickaway County, Ohio. He was born August 30, 1892 in Meigs County, Ohio and died September 25, 1924 in Ross County, Ohio. He was a farmer. They were the parents of Ernest Scott, John Harold, Lawrence Durward, Ronald Leo, Garland "Turk" Lewis, and Lloyd Eldon. Thelma raised her sons by operating a cream station in Kingston, Ohio. On March 18, 1931 she married Marvin Estell Routt in Chillicothe, Ohio. He was born April 2, 1896 in Green Township, Ross County, and died July 19, 1957 in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio. They moved to a farm near Greenfield, Ohio. In 1943 they returned to Pickaway County and farmed at the Darby Farms which is presently being farmed by son, Lloyd, grandson, James, and great grandsons. She and Arthur are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ross County, Ohio. Marvin is buried in Jackson Township Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio. Thelma was a member of The Methodist Church, Circleville, Ohio and an Eastern Star member.

Ernest Scott Minor was born July 27, 1915 in Pickaway County, Ohio and died January 14, 1977 in Pickaway County. On May 15, 1937 he married Ruth Neff, the youngest of nine children of Martin A. and Creola Jinks Neff, Adelphi, Ohio. Ruth was born November 22, 1918 in Adelphi, Ross County, Ohio and died December 19, 1982 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He was a graduate of Kingston High School. They were the parents of Barbara Ruth, Beverly Rose, Dale Richard, Judy Lea, Thelma Creola, Susan Elaine, and Randy Scott. All the children were born in Pickaway County, except Barbara, who was born in Ross County. Ernest was employed by the State of Ohio Department of Highway, a paper hanger, and was a Watkins Products Salesman, and for almost 20 years worked at Orient State Institute. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, Infantry Division in 1944 and discharged in 1945. They both enjoyed hunting and fishing. Ruth was a housewife and loved her flowers and gardens. She also worked at Orient State Institute. She was a graduate of Adelphi High School. She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church at Kinderhook. They are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ohio.

Beverly Rose Minor was born November 6, 1939 in Pickaway County. She married Robert Dale Brown on April 14, 1961 in Chillicothe, Ohio. He was born March 4, 1939 in Chillicothe, Ohio to Dale E. and Annabel Seymour Brown.

-Submitted by Beverly Minor Brown

METZGER FAMILY

One of the old, honored families of Ross and Pickaway Counties is the Metzger Family. Jacob Metzger (born January 22, 1747) when very small came with his parents Johan Jacob and Barbara (Dast) to America from Steinenbrann, Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. He was drafted in 1777 Revolutionary War, but due to local circumstances had to hire Michael Lamb as a substitute for 3 months. He was called again in 1778 and served as a spy against the Indians, and continued in the fight until 1781. He was allowed a government pension in October 1832, at which time he was a resident of Ross County, Ohio. He was married and what records I can find had 10 children. He and his wife Mary (1835) are buried in Salem Reform Church Cemetery, Kinnickinnick, Ohio.

From this union one of the sons was John Metzger born (March 1777) in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was one of the first settlers in Washington Township, Pickaway County. He married and had 5 children. He moved later in life to Allen County, Indiana (1857). All of the children, Salome, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Andrew, continued to live in Pickaway County. Benjamin was born (1808) in Washington Township. He married Mary Zeimer in 1832 and they moved to Pickaway Plains. Benjamin was a man of excellent business capacity and became owner of 900 acres of land. He died by accidental drowning in the Scioto River in June 1868. Of his children, these survive: John, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Andrew, Abraham, all children by his marriage to Mary Zeimer (1845). He married Rebecca (Valentine) (Hassenflug) (June 1847) and had 3 more children, Catherine, Joseph (born 1841) and Samuel (April 2, 1854). Samuel was married to Sarah Virginia Neff, daughter of John S. and Elizabeth Neff, January 17, 1877 by Rev. Whitehead and to this union 3 children were born on their farm on Route 56 across from Lick Run Church. Elizabeth May (1878-1968) married Rev. Carl D. Fischer and they had 2 children, Dorothy Virginia (1907) and Paul (1910). Dorothy married Ray Smathers (1931) and had one child in 1936. August 1959 she married Robert Christie and they have 5 children, all who live in

Samuel and Sarah (Neff) Metzger. Wedding Photo, January 17, 1877.

Atlanta, Georgia. Paul Metzger Fischer married Marion Hutton (1934) and had 2 children. James Sargeant born (1883), married and had one child Marjorie who married James Faul and had 3 boys now living in California. Samuel Benjamin born (1893), married Mary L. McGhee in 1927 and ran his own undertaker business in Williamsport. They had a daughter Kathryn Lee (1932) and a son Robert Hiram (1935). Kathryn married Thomas M. Carter in 1954 and has 2 daughters, Diana (married Gary Wendlandt 1979) and she has one daughter, Gina. Diana remarried in 1992 to Scott Smith. Barbara married Tim Dorr (1986) and they have 2 children, Melanie and Michael. Both families, Diana and Barbara, are now living in Chandler, Arizona. Robert married Patricia Jones on February 14, 1959. They have 2 daughters, Crystal Lynn and Lori Ann. Crystal married Larry Sowers September 8, 1984 and has a son, Chance Hiram, and a daughter, Cassie Lynn. They are living with their parents. On May 20, 1989, Lori married Kamaran Farshchi, they have one daughter, Ariana. Robert and family are living in the Williamsport area except Lori, who lives in Pennsylvania.

Esta (Metzger) Tipton, owner and operator of the Williamsport News is a direct descendant of Jacob Metzger.

Before the turn of the 21st Century, the Metzger name has run out of male heirs to carry on the Metzger name from this branch of the family. After reading many family genealogy reports and articles, I have learned that all of the above contributed much to the Pickaway County community. Many were prominent farmers. They also gave gladly of their time to churches. Some being trustees of townships, started businesses, and many served in the military.

-Submitted by Kathryn L. Metzger Carter

METZGER FAMILY & PROPERTY

The "Robert H. Metzger Property", which is located at 425 South Water Street, Williamsport, Ohio, was originally constructed as a two story

Metzger Property at 425 S. Water, Williamsport.

brick home in the year 1860 by Abraham Rose. The bricks for this home and the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, located on S.R. 138, which is now a private residence, were fired at the same time by Abraham Rose. In the year 1916 the property was purchased by Fred Betts and the second story was remodeled, brick removed and added back as a frame construction. In the year 1928 this property was purchased by Samuel B. Metzger and Mary L. McGhee Metzger, where their children Robert H. Metzger and Kathryn L. Metzger Carter were born. In the year 1966 this property was purchased by their son and daughter-in-law Robert H. Metzger and Patricia A. Jones Metzger, where their two daughters Crystal L. Metzger Sowers and Lori A. Metzger Farshchi were born. As of this date March, 2005, this property has been in the Metzger family for some 77 years.

Crystal 33, Cassie 3, Chance 5, Ariana 1, Lorie 30. 1993.

-Submitted by Patricia A. Jones Metzger

MILLER FAMILY

John Christopher Mueller came to Ohio from Germany. His son Samuel was born in Bloom Township in Fairfield County. Samuel and his wife Angeline moved to Pickaway County and there established their home. They had four children, Alice (Steiger), William, Ida and Emma (the last two girls were twins). Samuel lived in the vicinity of Circleville in Pickaway County.

Samuel's son, William Martin Miller (the name was Anglicized sometime after they moved to Pickaway County) was born in 1860. William married Mary Agnes Wright in 1890. William was one of the gentlemen who began the Citizen's Bank in Ashville. He had a beautiful home built at 41 E. Main Street in Ashville. He later had a large brick home built on further east on Main Street and lived there until he died in 1914. He and his wife Mary along with William's sister, Alice, and three others were all killed in an accident involving the interurban railroad at an intersection in Ashville on May 20, 1914.

William and Mary had 3 children: an infant son who died at birth in 1891, a daughter, Grace Wright Miller, born 1896 and died 1976, and a son Harry James Miller, who never married, born 1898.

Samuel and his family are all buried in Reber Hill Cemetery in Pickaway County.

William & Agnes Miller

Grace Wright Miller married Donald Perrill Courtright and further information can be found with the Jesse D. Courtright family.

-Submitted by Charlotte Rife

JOASH MILLER FAMILY

Joash was born March 1, 1754 in Pennsylvania, the youngest son of Michael and Catherine Mullium Miller. Michael Miller, born September 19, 1703 and died September 11, 1785, was a native of Palatine, Germany. In 1727 he immigrated to Philadelphia on a ship coming from Rotterdam. Michael and Catherine also had a son, Elon, and a daughter. Catherine was born January 8, 1713 and died December 2, 1786.

Joash, a Revolutionary War soldier (enlisting in 1776), was promoted to Sergeant. On November 2, 1777 he married Anna (Nancy) Stubsch. She was born in 1758 and died August 21, 1839. The family moved from Berkeley, Virginia to Walnut Township in 1804. Their children were: Catherine, Peter, Mary, Joseph, Susannah, Rebecca, Nancy, Elizabeth, and Edward. Joash died February 11, 1819 in Walnut Township. Catherine married a Paulsgrove. Mary married Joshua Hedges, Jr. October 24, 1838. Rebecca married Jacob Westenhaver. Three of their eight children lived in Walnut: Frances who married Silas Brinker and second Absalom Ashbrook; Sophrona, wife of Lewis Culp; and Emanuel who married Caroline Doan.

On November 8, 1821, Peter Miller married widow, Mary (Polly) Scothorn, born 1794 in Virginia to Lewis Scothorn and Elizabeth Bell. Mary and John Klar had Sarah and two dying in infancy. Sarah Klar married Joshua Fridley and died April 6, 1845, age 29. Polly and Peter Miller had children: Joash, Nancy, Elizabeth, Stephen, Joseph, Perry, Mary Ann, William Henry Harrison and an infant. Joash married Alice Tallman on December 31, 1845. Nancy married Rev. Shadrach Cole on November 29, 1846. Elizabeth married Enoch Hines on January 2, 1855. Stephen married Sarah Hines on March 12, 1850. Joseph married Mahala Culp on October 1, 1854. Mary married Adam Klar on December 26, 1854. William married Sarah Amanda Glick on November 6, 1862.

On April 24, 1823, Joseph Miller married Phebe Hedges, daughter of Joshua Hedges. She was born January 12, 1794. Phebe's siblings included: Joshua, Jr., John, Obed, Jabez, Cynthia, Rhoda, Julia, Cyrus, Morgan, and William.

Joseph and Phebe Miller's children were: John born 1822, Mary born 1827, Catherine born November 5, 1829, and Rhoda born April 21, 1832. Mary married Jacob Hines September 5, 1847. Rhoda married Elkanah Humble in 1851. She died in 1852 leaving a two week old baby named Albert. In 1854 Elkanah married Rhoda's sister Catherine, and they had children: Gilbert, Joseph, and Frank. Gilbert married Lida Ann Brinker and they had children: Frank who died at age seven, Edna who married James Arthur Coon and two that died in infancy. Edna is my great-grandmother.

In 1889 District 2 School in Walnut Township, a one room brick schoolhouse, was built north of the intersection of State Route 752 and Winchester Road

Walnut Twp. School No. 2. Jan 2005

The land deeded to the school was part of the farm inherited through the Hedges and Miller families. Students from all eight grades were together.

In 1922 Walnut Township built a centralized school, and the one-room schools closed. District 2 School was sold to Gilbert Humble since it was stated in the deed restriction that it return to the family if it ceased to be a school. The family converted the historic school into a house.

-Submitted by Rob Eberts

WLLIAM MILLER FAMILY

The William Miller family came from Germany. They settled in Shepardstown, Berkley County, West Virginia. My great great grandfather was William, born 1792, he married Mary Roop born in 1795. They had three sons, James H., Jacob born 1813 and William A. born 1818. Jacob moved to Darbyville in 1838. He married Lucinda Green May 5, 1840. They had six children, Mary M., James Albert, William W., Manerca, Nora E. and Francis. James served in the Civil War, the 45th OVI Company C. James Albert, my grandfather, married twice, Sarah Neff and Arista M. Wood. Sarah had four children, Ella born September 1872, Ora Lee born September 1873, William J. born 1874 and Francis M. born February 25, 1876. William served in three wars, Cuban, Philippines and Spanish. Francis served in the Spanish American as a Musician. Arista had four children, Paul born 1893 died 1893, Emma G. born 1894 died 1914, Grace M. born1896 died September 6, 1968 and William born 1901 died 1901. Grace, my mother, married Lewis P. Downs born May 6, 1896 died May 7, 1969. They had seven children, Paul born 1917 (lived only 8 days), Emmett M. born June 1918, Virgil Lewis born February 20, 1920, Marjorie G. born August 2, 1921, Doris Lee born January 21, 1924, James Allen born June 8, 1926 died July 1978, and Betty June born June 30, 1929.

L-R: Arista M. Miller, 11/7/1866 – 1923 (grandmother); James A. Miller, 5/1845 – 6/14/1930 (grandfather); Grace Miller, 3/4/1896 – 9/6/1968. (Mother's graduation 1914.)

My two oldest brothers tell me many good stories about our grandfather. On summer vacations they were fortunate to stay with him. Grandma Arista died in 1923, so grandpa James was alone at age 78. Emmett and Virgil were old enough to help him. He taught them to plant a garden and gather the eggs. In those days there were gypsies roaming the country towns. They would steal the chickens and eggs. Grandpa kept a gun under his pillow so when he heard the chickens stirring in the night, he would fire the gun in the air to scare the gypsies away.

Every Sunday the boys went to church with him. He read the Bible to them and kept a hymn book at the house so they could learn the hymns. He had a housekeeper, Mrs. Ames. They boys loved her cooking. Grandpa was very smart, he was a Postmaster, Recorder and owned a grocery store in Darbyville, Ohio. On June 14, 1930, they were eating breakfast with him. They were having pancakes and eggs. Grandpa began pouring syrup on the floor, then slumped over the table. The boys moved him to the day bed. Virgil fanned him and Emmett ran to get Dr. Grinder. He died at the age of 85. It was Emmett's birthday, one he would never forget.

-Submitted by Betty June Wolfe

MINOR BROTHERS: CHET, EM & ART

The Minor family origins are in Scotland where the family name was originally "Meanor." The Meanors immigrated to America in the mid-1700's and settled mainly in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. About 1830, parts of the Meanor family moved to Meigs County, Ohio and settled in Salem Township. The change to the Minor name came with John Deemer Minor (aka John David of John D.) who was a son of James Scott Meanor. John D. is the father of James Scott Minor who was later to live in Pickaway County. James Scott was the father of three sons, John Chester (Chet), William Emerson (Em), and Arthur Leo. These three moved to the Kingston, Ohio area about 1910 and lived at times in Green Township, Ross County, and in Pickaway or Saltcreek Townships in Pickaway County, where they all were engaged in farming. The earliest records show that Emerson and Art, for a time, lived and worked on the Amos Leist farm. Their father, James Scott Minor, moved with his second wife to Groveport, Ohio in 1911 and following her death in 1930, moved to live with Emerson and his family in Pickaway Township. He died at Whisler in Pickaway County in 1940.

John Chester Minor married Madge Davis in Meigs County in 1908. They had 2 daughters, Helen and Audrey Lucille, and 2 sons, Harry and Carroll Roger. Harry married Ella Mae Cottrill. He died at age 29 the result of a boating accident. Carroll married Evelyn Fox and they are the parents of 2 daughters, Donna and Nancy, and 1 son, Roger Eugene. Roger still lives in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County. Roger has 2 daughters, Candy and Holly, and 1 son, Christopher.

William Emerson Minor married Retta Dozer in 1923 in Pickaway County. They are the parents of 5 daughters, Mildred, Lucy, Thelma, Evon, and Mary; plus 1 son, Donald Emerson. Donald continues to live near Whisler where he has been a farmer and Saltcreek Township Trustee. His son, Don Jr., also lives on the family farm and is engaged in politics.

Arthur Leo Minor married Thelma Merriman in1915. They are the parents of 6 sons: Ernest Scott, John Harold, Lawrence Durward, Ronald Leo, Garland Lewis "Turk", and Lloyd Eldon. Harold died in infancy. Lawrence Durward lived his adult life in New Orleans, Louisiana and in Jackson, Mississippi. His descendants remain in that area. Garland, "Turk" lived in Niagara Falls, New York and later in south Florida; his descendants remain in those states. Ronald spent most of his life in Dayton, Ohio, but now lives with his wife, Grace, in Chillicothe, Ohio. They have one daughter, Elizabeth.

Ernest "Ernie" Minor b. July 27, 1915,married Ruth Neff in 1937. Ernie is best remembered as "The Watkins Man" because of his years as a route salesman for that company. He died January 14, 1977 after shoveling snow, and Ruth died December 19, 1982. They are buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston. They were the parents of 5 daughters: Barbara Ruth, Beverly Rose, Judy Lea, Thelma Creola, and Susan Elaine, plus 2 sons, Dale Richard and Randy Scott. Randy lives in Tampa, Florida while Dale continues to reside in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Dale Richard Minor b. May 12, 1942, graduated from Williamsport High School in 1960. He received a diploma from an engineering technical school in Cincinnati and worked in the plastics industry in Pickaway County for 37 years, having retired from Circle Plastics as Vice President of Engineering in 2000. In 1994 he was a founding leader of Grace Charismatic Episcopal Church in Circleville and, after completing seminary training in Maryland, in 1998 became a priest of that church where he continues to serve as Rector. He married Valarie Bastin in Newark, Ohio on January 27, 1962. They are the parents of 1 daughter, Wendy, now living in Meigs County, and three sons: Rene Arthur "Marty", now living in Florida; Phillip Dale, now residing in Columbus; and Jay Edmund, living in Washington Township, Pickaway County.

James Scott Minor, 1938.

Jay Minor is chief engineer at Circle Plastics and he and his wife, Christina (daughter of Jim and Jeanne Lands of Washington Township) are the parents of 3 daughters. Phillip is also the father of 1 daughter. This line of the Minor name continues only through Marty's son, Ian Scott, living with his parents in West Palm Beach, Florida. Of the daughters of Ernie and Ruth, Barbara Ruth Picklesimer (Neal) Leatherwood and Susan Elaine (Clifton) Warner live in Pickaway County and, Beverly Rose (Robert) Brown lives just south of the Pickaway/Ross County line and is an active volunteer with the Pickaway Genealogical Society.

Lloyd Eldon Minor married Jean Trimmer of Washington Township. They have been engaged in farming all their lives and currently live on the family farm in Jackson Township. They are the parents of two daughters, Linda and Sally, plus 1 son, James Eldon "Jim." Jim, likewise is engaged in farming and has served as Jackson Township Trustee. Of Lloyd Minor's daughters, Sally Ann Walters lives in Jackson Township, Pickaway County.

Jim Minor married Joanne Bihl in 1971. They are the parents of one daughter, Christina Elizabeth and 2 sons, Jeffrey and Greg. Jeffrey Minor married Gwendolyn Jeffries in 1997 and they are the parents of a daughter and a son, Jarrod. Jeff lives and works on the Minor farms. Greg married Michelle Bone in 1998 and they are the parents of a son, Riley. He works for the Ohio Department of Agriculture and is engaged in the nursery business. Christy Minor married Mark Dudgeon in 1978 and they live in Jackson Township.

-Submitted by Dale R. Minor & Bev Brown

MINSHALL

Enoch E. Minshall, grandson of Pennsylvania Revolutionary war soldier Edward Minshall, was born June 20, 1837 and was the 6th of 8 children born to Jonathan and Leah (Bradford) Minshall. Enoch served as a Private in the 95th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He married Sarah L. Tebo (December 3, 1843 - October 9, 1907) November 28, 1867. Five children came from this marriage: Kathryn (1867 - 1886), Margaret (1870 - 1885), Jacob (1873 - 1952), Johnny (1874 -1876), and Harry Leon (b. February 17, 1876 d. January 6, 1954). Enoch supported his family by farming in Pickaway County and died June 15, 1904.

Harley Minshall under oak tree at end of drive on homeplace – Clemens Road, New Holland, Ohio. After his accident, Harry Minshall spent his days under this oak tree and tended the gate for the farmers. Original photo taken in the late 1920's.

Harry, following his father's footsteps, became a farmer in the New Holland area. On January 5, 1901, he married Rena Garfield Funk (b. November 5, 1879 d. February 7, 1965), one of 11 children born to John Milton and Judith Smith Funk. Harry and Rena had 13 children: Jessie M. (1897-1907), Amber Edith (1901-1978), infant son (b/d 1905), Walter (1906-1907), infant son (b/d 1907), Sarah Frances (1908-1978), James Carl (1910-1986), Dorothy Marie (April 19,1912-February 8,1996), Herbert Wendell (1914-1979), Thelma Louise (1916-1998), Robert Emerson (1918-1979), Harry Leon Jr. (Tub) (1919-2003), and Paul Edward (1922-2001). On October 9, 1907, a house fire in Perry Township claimed the lives of Jessie, Walter, an infant son, and their grandmother Sarah Tebo Minshall. Further hardship came upon the family when, in 1920, Harry was permanently blinded and had an arm amputated due to a blasting accident on the family farm. They managed to maintain the farm with income from disability insurance. When he was old enough, Jim (their eldest son) took over the farm while 3 other sons (Robert, Harry,Jr. and Paul Edward) joined the Army and served during World War 2.

Most of the Minshall family is buried at Union Cemetery in New Holland, Ohio.

Dorothy Marie married Leo Rodgers (b. February 16, 1913 d. February 16, 1986) on October 13, 1933. To this union three children were born: Virginia Lee (b. June 17, 1936 d. August 21, 2003), Jon Enoch (b. February 10, 1946 d. April 9, 1968 as the result of injuries from a truck accident), and Sue Ellen (b. July 29, 1948). Dorothy worked briefly at Cudahay's but chose to stay home to raise the children while Leo farmed and worked at Producer's Stockyard and later at Central Grocery. The family spent most of their lives in Fayette County, near New Holland. Virginia married Larry Higman (b. June 7, 1935) of Williamsport on November 10, 1953. They had 2 children; Jeffrey Jay (b. August 28, 1956 d. February 25, 2003) and Rena Beth (b. June 19, 1958). Sue married Danny Gilmore (b. May 7, 1948) on November 24, 1966 and have 2 daughters, Amy (b. December 13, 1969) and Elaine (b. October 13, 1972) . They all reside in Franklin County, Ohio. Dorothy, Leo, Virginia, Jon, and Jeff are buried at Union Cemetery in New Holland.

Submitted by Sue Rodgers Gilmore

REV. DONALD EDWARD MITCHELL

The Rev. Donald Edward Mitchell was born in Alameda, California on January 28, 1897, the son of Warren Mitchell and Nannie Sykes Mitchell. He grew up in Illinois and Iowa and in suburban Chicago. A veteran of the Mexican Campaign of 1916, and five major battles in World War I, he went on to graduate from Ripon College at Ripon, Wisconsin, and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. While a graduate student, he founded the Clarendon Hills Presbyterian Church near Chicago. He later served churches in San Diego, California; Cottage Grove, Wisconsin; Covington, Ohio; and Cincinnati.

The Rev. Donald E. Mitchell and his wife Gwendolen

In the fall of 1946, Mr. Mitchell and his family came to Circleville where he became pastor of the local Presbyterian Church. He served until early 1961. His was a long and useful pastorate in which the children's and young people's programs flourished.

After his retirement in 1961, he and his wife moved to Cannon Beach, Oregon and later, to Eugene in the same state. During his retirement, he worked for several years in a missionary pastorate at the Walterville and Leeburg churches near Eugene. During his final years, he published a book of his life and thoughts called Endangered Truth. He died in Eugene on March 14, 1991 at the age of 94.

On August 2, 1927, Mr. Mitchell married Gwendolen H. Morse, who was his loving companion throughout their long lives together. She was always a great help to him in his various pastorates and worked closely with him throughout his ministry. Mrs. Mitchell was born in Eldorado, Wisconsin on June 16, 1904 and died in Eugene, Oregon on December 1, 2001 at the age of 97.

Donald E. Mitchell could trace his ancestry back to Francis Cooke, who arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts on the Mayflower in 1620. Cooke's wife, Hester, and his daughter, Jane, arrived on the Anne three years later. On the same ship came young Experience Mitchell. Five years later, Experience and Jane were married. Mr. Mitchell was a direct descendant of these two through their son, Jacob.

By a curious coincidence, Gwendolen Mitchell was also a direct descendant of Experience and Jane Mitchell through their son John. Gwendolen's father, Samuel S. Morse, was the descendant of three centuries of Morses whose common ancestor, Anthony Morse, came to New England in 1635. Mrs. Samuel S. Morse, the former Sarah Clyde Mitchell, daughter of Austin and Zeruah Mitchell, was the other direct descendant of Experience Mitchell and Jane Cooke.

Donald and Gwendolen Mitchell had two daughters, Carol Elaine and Donna Morse. Donna married Barton E. Snyder and now lives in Eugene, Oregon. Carol married Wallace W Higgins and they still live in Circleville.

-Submitted by Carol Higgins

JAMES W. MOFFITT FAMILY

James W. Moffitt was born September 17, 1800 in Pennsylvania and married Mary Patterson of Washington County, Pennsylvania on March 24, 1824. They emigrated to Circleville, Ohio from Uniontown, Pennsylvania and resided on East Franklin Street. Their fourth son Samuel was born on February 20, 1833. Samuel was a miner and married Mary Appensellar in 1859. She gave birth to their only son Wayne V. Moffitt in December of 1862.

Wayne V. Moffitt was said to have a rare personality and a happy disposition and always had a smiling greeting for all. He worked as a salesman for Wolfrey & Hartmeyer dry goods store and had an active interest in amateur theatricals appearing in plays for the Elks lodge. Wayne married Edith Mader of Circleville in 1886 and had seven chil-

dren. Their second son, James Patterson Moffitt, was born in January of 1891.

James P. Moffitt married Hazel Mae Miller, daughter of Charles Miller and Ida Alice Stout, in 1915. James managed Western Union Telegraph Stations in Circleville and Bluefield, West Virginia before opening his own electrical business, Moffitt's Electrical Shop, in Circleville. James erected a 110 foot steel radio tower at his home at 336 East Franklin Street in 1918 and received the first radio transmission of a Presidential inaugural address given by Warren G. Harding. He had the eighth radio broadcasting station in the U.S. with the call letters 8CCG. He built his first silent television set in 1923 and also constructed a ray photo receiving apparatus to receive pictures by radio. He received a radio television broadcast from Thomas Edison of a girl carrying a basket. James is listed in the Library of Congress as a pioneer in radio and television. Hazel held a love for gardening and music and was choir director for the Lutheran Church and later the Methodist Church. Hazel died in 1970 with James living 91 years until joining her in 1987.

Wayne V. Moffitt

James and Hazel had four children: Anna Ruth, Doris, Alice Jean, and James Jr. Ruth was born in 1915 and married Emmitt Crist in 1957. They had one daughter, Kay Ann, who married Joseph Subich and had two children: Christopher and Kyle. Ruth married a second time to Edwin Kraus in 1971. Doris was born in 1917 and married James Reicheldorfer in 1941. They had two daughters: Lynn and Susan. Lynn married Larry Kraus and had two children: Jenifer and Jeremy. Susan married Jack Martin and had three children: Todd, Joshua, and Jill. Alice Jean was born in 1918 and married Lee Cook in 1938. They had twin daughters: Linda and Rita. Linda died of leukemia at age fifteen. Rita married Fred Summers and raised four children: Andrew, Lee, Keith and Shelly. James Patterson Jr. was born in 1920, married Priscilla Lima and had two sons: James Patterson III and Robert. James died in a motorcycle accident in 1971. Robert married Margaret Maughton and had three children: Catherine, Michael and James IV.

-Submitted by Keith Summers

MOGAN

William Mogan was born about 1830 near Clifden, Galway Ireland and died in October, 1872 in Circleville, Ohio. He married Georgianna Fryer 1849 in County Cork, Ireland. Georgianna was the daughter of Peter Johnson Fryer and Margaret Foster. Georgianna was born 1832, also near Clifden Galway and died on July 17, 1889 in Circleville. Her parents, Peter and Margaret, were married in 1813 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick, Ireland. William and Georgianna are buried together in Forest Cemetery in Circleville (Section 8).

Before migrating to Ohio around 1851, William and Georgianna delivered 2 of their 10 children in Ireland: William about 1850 and Peter J. about 1851. Peter married Maggie Schneider in 1876 in Pickaway County and later would become a sergeant for the Circleville Police Department. Their first-born child, Mary, (about 1852) was born in America. Samuel was born about 1857 and next came Margaret/Maggie (1858) who married David Stonerock in 1876 in Circleville; John Henrice (1862); Caroline/Callie (1865); Timothy Patrick (1867); Alice (1868); Georgianna (1870).

John Henrice Mogan was born March 11, 1862 in Circleville and died November 19, 1937. John married Ida Belle Lindsay on November 16, 1886 in St. Joseph's Church in Circleville. Ida was born September 6, 1866 and died at age 97 on August 28, 1963 in Circleville.

Ida was the daughter of Wayne Griswold Lindsay and Kiziah Fry. Wayne was a descendant of Joseph Elijah Lindsay born 1697 in Scotland and died October 16, 1776 in Frederick County, Virginia and Celeste Rachel Moon, born May 21, 1700 in Richmond, Virginia and died February 5, 1768 in Frederick County, Virginia. Ida was fondly referred to as "big mom" late in her life. John and Ida had 7 children. Timothy P. Mogan was born May 12, 1887 and died July 17, 1977. Timothy was married twice. Kiziah/Kizzie was born July 1889 and died August 28, 1929 and was married to Grover Cummings. Ida Esmeralda was born July 19, 1893 and died August 4, 1980. Ida was married 3 times. Wayne Griswold was born June 15, 1896 and died July 23, 1972. Wayne married Hannah Hickey on September 17, 1921 in St. Phillips Parish in Circleville. Joseph Mortimer was born February 28, 1899 and died December 31, 1965. Bernard Henrice was born April 10, 1903 and died February 1, 1984. Bernard was married to Bonadine E. Scott. Blenn Rife was born August 18, 1905 and died August 17, 1926.

Bernard Henrice Mogan, born April 10, 1903 and died February 1, 1984 in Circleville, married Bonadine E. Scott who was born October 22, 1903 and died at age 94 on June 13, 1997, also in Circleville.

Bonadine was the daughter of Oscar and Jeanette Scott and had 2 brothers: Rolland and Charles, as well as 5 sisters: Eloise (Swabby), Stenobe (Grover Stonerock), Freida (Schumm), Roseanne (Stinson) and Marguerite.

Mogan Family from Ireland to Ohio. Pictured front row, left to right are Timothy, Georgianna, Georgianna Freyer Mogan, William Mogan, and Caroline. Back row left to right: Alice and Margaret. Photo was taken about 1871 in Circleville, Ohio. Five of their children are not present in this image including sons William, Peter J., John, Samuel and daughter Mary.

Bernard and Bonadine had 7 children all born in Circleville: Jack (1921 -), Oscar (1923-2004), Blenn (1925-1933), Bernard Jr. (1927-2003), Eloise (1929-1951), James Rolland (1931-), and Theodore (1933 -).

-Submitted by Jim Mogan

MOGAN FAMILY

William and Georgianna Mogan were natives of Ireland and emigrated to New York about 1851. By July of 1852 they had moved to Ohio and lived briefly in Lancaster where their first daughter Mary was born. By 1854 they had permanently made Circleville their home and lived on Canal Street. Family stories say that William was from County Tyrone, Ireland, but records suggest his family relocated to or near the village of Cleggan, County Galway, Ireland, sometime during his youth, where he would eventually meet and marry Georgianna Freyer. His family in Ireland was said to be farriers, and horse traders, while Georgianna's father was an officer in the coast guard.

William's occupation listed in the Circleville city directory of 1862 was as a wool dyer. He died on October 6, 1872 of typhoid at the age of 44. His obituary from the Circleville Herald stated he was a long time resident of the city, and that his funeral was well attended. Georgianna died July 1889 and was in her 57th year; both are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Ten children were born to William and Georgianna, two in Ireland: William and Peter J., the remainder born in Ohio were Mary, Margaret, John, Alice, Samuel, Georgianna, Timothy and Caroline.

William ran a grain silo in Era, near Mt. Sterling, Ohio and Peter J. was for a short time in 1892, a prison guard at the Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus and later became chief of police in Circleville.

Of their five sons, only Timothy and John would have male children to carry on the Mogan name. Timothy married Iva Alkire and had sons William and Edward who moved to Detroit, Michigan in the early 1900's. John H. Mogan, who remained in Circleville throughout his life, married Ida Lindsey, daughter of Wayne G. Lindsey,

Wayne G. Lindsey & Martin V.B. Lindsey with sisters c. 1925 at the farm of Wayne G. Lindsey.

Martin VanBuren Lindsey at 87 yrs. old. c. 1924.

whose family had settled in the county in 1816. Their children were Timothy, Kiziah, Ida, Wayne, Joseph, Bernard, Blenn and Georgianna.

Although no siblings of William are known, other relatives did immigrate about the same time period of the mid 1800's to Newport, Kentucky, and were visited by son John H. Mogan and his family about 1910. They were cousins of his father from Ireland, Mary (Cloherty) Bodkin and Thomas Bodkin of Omey Island, Galway. Mary Cloherty's parents were John and Margaret (Mogan) Cloherty, both of Galway.

Georgianna's origins in Ireland began in County Cork, but because of her father's career in the coast guard, the family was constantly on the move, being stationed at several locations during his service; 1835-1838 Cooley Point, Co. Louth; 1839 Port Kinnagoe, Co. Donegal; 1840-1842 Scattery Island, Co. Clare; 1843-1844 North Arran Island, Co. Galway; and 1845-1850 Cleggan, Co. Galway. Georgianna's parents were Peter J. Freyer and Margaret Foster and were married in Limerick in 1811.

She had several brothers and sisters that immigrated to Australia in 1850, John, a ship's captain, Ann Lucinda, Ethel, Richard and Allan. Brothers William and Samuel remained in Ireland as well as a sister Margaret.

-Submitted by Robert K. Thomas

ABRAHAM MONNETT

On April 14, 1803 Abraham Monnett purchased 599 acres in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, for $2.00 per acre. He built a house on the land for his wife and family, then returned to Maryland to bring them back to Ohio.

Abe's wife was Ann Hilleary Monnett, daughter of William and Margaret Crabbe Hilleary. Ann's father, William Hilleary and Abe fought in the Revolutionary War under the command of Ann's brother, Captain Ralph Hilleary of the 2nd Company of the 33rd Battalion in Maryland.

By 1804, the Methodist Church meetings were held at Abe's home on Hayesville Road near Whisler, Ohio. His homestead was built on top of one of the few knolls in the Pickaway Plains. He chose this spot for three reasons: Indians, intruders, and to rise above the malaria fumes. Next to the homestead is another knoll called Bald Knob. It served as the family cemetery.

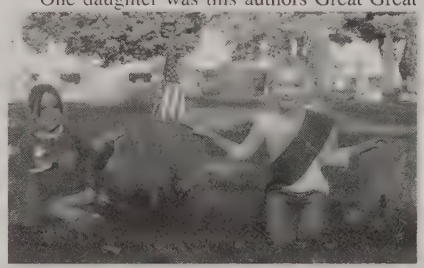
Separating the knolls was Pike Hole Creek. It got its name from a local fisherman who claims to have caught a large pike and through the years, the story grew! So, it was named Pike Hole Creek.

In the early 1900's the graves of Abraham, Ann and four of their children were moved to Prairie View Cemetery of Whisler. There are still several of the family members graves on Bald Knob.

Abraham and Ann Hilleary Monnett had 9 known children. One son, Thomas, married Ann Slage from Cumberland, Maryland. They settled in Marion County, Ohio and in turn had Joseph.

Joseph married Kerenhappuch Artz from Shenandoah, Virginia. They settled in Licking County, Ohio and raised 9 children.

One daughter was this authors Great Great



Grandmother, Sarah Monnett. She married Francis Vadakin who was born in Sussex, New Jersey. Francis's grandfather was with the Brunswick Regiment during the Revolutionary War. He was captured at the battle of Saratoga and taken prisoner. Later a deal was made and they were then referred to as the "Convention Army". Francis and Sarah Monnett Vadakin raised 8 children in Licking County.

A daughter named Katherine Vadakin married William Rostofer of Etna, Licking County. Together they stayed in Licking County and had a son named George.

George W. Rostofer married Gertrude Francis Satterfield from Perry County, Ohio. Gertrude's ancestor Benjamin Satterfield came to America from England and settled in Berkly, Virginia in 1754. Benjamin was in debtor's prison for his father stealing a loaf of bread. George and Gertrude Satterfield Rostofer had a son named Alfred William Rostofer.

Alfred was born in Columbus, Ohio and married Marguerite Jesse Lee of Columbus, Ohio.

Their daughter, Monica Lee Rostofer joined the Daughters of the American Revolution under Abraham Monnett and now lives near the Monnetts settlement in Whisler. She married Barry Joe Woodworth of Clark County, Ohio. Together they had two daughters, Jessica Lee and Audrey Jane Woodworth. Both are pictured here at their 8th Great Grandfathers gravestone.

Abraham Monnett, 1747-1810, Private, Calvert County Maryland Militia.

-Submitted by Monica Woodworth and Rickie Longfellow

MOORE FAMILY

My great-great grandparents came to this country sometime in the early 1800's from Ireland. It is not known if they came here together or met here but James Moore (1807-1850) and Susanna Jane Gray (1813-1851) were married in 1836. They had six children: Robert Henry (1838-1918), William H. (1840-1925), George (1842-1865), Rebecca Ann (1844-1862), James Nelson (1847-?), and Ellen (1849-?). They lived at lot #62 which set between North High Street and Water Alley of the original circle of Circleville, Ohio. James owned and operated a canal boat. He was also a farmer. He contacted malaria in 1849 and was treated for it for about a year by a Dr. Taylor. They were in the process of buying several farms when he died in1850. His wife, Susanna, died the following year. James was buried on lot 6R2B and Susanna on lot 5R2B in High Street Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. Their children were placed in guardianship until they became of age.

My great grandfather, Robert Henry Moore I and Catherine Hammel were married in 1859. He was in the Civil War serving 100 days in the 155 Ohio Infantry. In the 1860 census he was listed as a blacksmith. Susanna's father, Dr. Madison Hammel, either sold or gave them the property where they lived, at 110 West Water Street, Circleville. They had four children: Edson (1860-1863), George (1863-1865), Charles (1865-1950), and Flora (1869-1950). They are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Robert and Juanita Moore, 2004

My grandfather, Charles Moore, was a machinist and worked at the canning factory in Circleville. He married Agnes Jane Dodd in 1891. They lived at 110 West Water Street and had four children: Harry E. (1892-1935), Edith L. (1893-1965), Robert Henry II (1897-1944), and Agnes Jane (1905-1993). Agnes Jane died in childbirth after the birth of her daughter in 1905. Charles remarried in 1926 to Jossie Dodd Raymond; they had no children. They are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

My father, Robert Henry Moore II and Margaret Louise Miller (1909-1991) were married in 1934. He was in World War I and fought in many battles. They lived in Circleville, Columbus, and Chillicothe, where he died in 1944. He was working as a machinist for the Mead Paper Company in Chillicothe, Ohio at the time of his death. He had worked on the WPA and helped build houses and worked at Circleville on the Ohio Erie Canal. They had two children: Mary Lou (1935) and Robert Henry III (1940). Margaret Moore was a cook for Circleville schools. They are buried in Forest Cemetery.

My sister, Mary Lou Moore married Russel Hix (1934-2001) in 1953. They lived outside Chillicothe, in London, and in Lily Chapel, Ohio. They had four sons: Richard Keaton (1953), twins, Robert Henry and Donald William (1955), and Michael Lee (1961). Mary Lou and Russell raised, trained, and showed horses (Tennessee Walkers) most of their married lives.

Robert Henry Moore III married Juanita Whitt (1945) in 1971. She is from Kentucky. She taught in Stoutsville, Ohio from 1967-1998. They lived at 690 Island Road until 1991 when they moved to 2449 Walnut Creek Pike, Circleville, They have two daughters: Elizabeth Anne (1977) and Margaret Marie (1980). Robert worked at the West Mill Street Market, Circleville, before joining the Marines and serving a tour of duty in Vietnam. He returned home to begin working at E.I. DuPont from 1966 until retirement in 1998.

-Submitted by Robert Henry Moore, III

MOORE FAMILY

Michael Wayne Moore (son of John Bernard Moore and Janet Margaret (Peck) Moore) was born in Columbus, Ohio, as was his wife Jane Ellen (Grant) Moore, also from Columbus, Ohio. Both families moved into Westerville, Ohio school district and hence both graduated from Westerville High School.

They were married on June 4, 1983 and had a daughter, Hope Elizabeth Moore, on June 27, 1984. Michael has another daughter, Adrea Marie Moore, born June 12, 1979, living in Lake In The Hills, Illinois from a previous marriage with Susan Leigh Priest of Columbus.

Michael and Janet came to live in Ashville, Ohio on July 31, 1986 when they moved in with Roy K. Grant and Verna (Fullen) Grant, Janet's father and stepmother, with Verna's family being from Ashville. Six months later they purchased their first home in Ashville at 34 Jefferson Avenue next to Georgia and Red Mallory. In 1993 they moved into Janet's father's home at 16725 Hiawatha Avenue in Ashville after they had moved to N. Fort Myers, Florida. Michael, Janet, and Hope still reside in this house.

Hope attended Ashville Elementary, Teays Valley Middle School and graduated from Teays Valley High School in 2002.

As a U.S. Navy veteran (1971-1975) Michael worked as an Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Petty Officer which helped him gain employment with the City of Columbus, Division of Electricity, working there since 1987.

Moore Family 1980,
L-R: Shurlie, Forest, Donna, Alice, Geneva, Charles, Freddy, and Linda

Janet worked in the insurance field until going on Social Security due to having fibromyalgia and stayed home from then on.

Together with David Poluxt (First Byte Computer Center) Michael started and designed the Village of Ashville website, Ashville, Ohio Online, http://ashvilleohio.net. Hope Elizabeth later joined in the maintenance and updating of the site and went on to graduate from Columbus State Community College with an Associate of Applied Science in Interactive Multimedia Technology.

In working with the Ashville website Michael became involved with the Ashville Area Heritage Society (Museum) which he currently serves as Vice President. After designing it, Michael presently maintains the museum's website, Ohio Virtual Small-Town Museum, http://ohiosmall-townmuseum.org.

-Submitted by Michael Moore

FOREST J. MOORE

Forest Moore first came to Pickaway County from Lawrence County, Kentucky in 1934 and worked as a farm hand to earn money to move his wife, Shurlie Hays Moore, here to Pickaway County where they soon started a family that consisted of seven children. Their first son, John William, was born August 14, 1936 and died at the age of three on December 23, 1939 as the result of an automobile accident in front of their home on Kingston Pike. A daughter, Donna Jean, was born May 31, 1938 and now resides in St. Petersburg, Florida. The third child, Alice Sue, was born February 11, 1940 and married Larry Leon Weaver on December 31, 1956. They had three children, Brenda Louise Walker (William David), Ernest Johnson (Diane Seesholtz), and Rodney Allen, all whom still reside in the Circleville area. Geneva was the fourth child born on May 16, 1941, and married Ronald E. Arledge, the father of their two sons, Randy Allen (Sally Wilson) and Dwayne Reno. They are all currently residing in Pickaway County. The fifth child born was Charles Thomas on July 13, 1943. He is the father of Natalie Elizabeth and Jodelle Marie. Charles Thomas (Tom) still resides in Pickaway County with his wife Connie (Wright). Child number six, Freddy Kay, was born on February 25, 1945 and married Mary Ann (Cassell). They had two sons, Jarrett Ryan and Glenn Douglas. Fred and Mary Ann now reside in West Jefferson, Ohio. The last child born to the Moore family was Linda Louise on September 1, 1954. She has two daughters, Angela Marie and Tamela Kay. Linda (Lous) and her husband Charles Franklin (Frank) Speakman also still reside in Pickaway County.

The Moore's first were tenant farmers on the Kiger farm in Pickaway Township in Pickaway County. They then moved to the Dumm farm on State Route 104 where they were tenant farmers for several years before moving to the M.M. Crites farm (commonly known as "the round house") in 1958. With the help of their children, they worked the Crites farm until 1983 when they retired from farming.

Forest and Shurlie moved to State Route 56 East where they lived for a short period of time before moving to Fair Avenue. Forest died on December 13, 1984. Shurlie then moved to Walnut Street where she lived for ten years before moving to the Apple Ridge apartments. She lived there for about a year before she died on November 11, 1995.

-Submitted by Charles T. Moore

BILL MOOSE MUZZLE LOADING GUN CLUB

Bill Moose Muzzle Loading Gun Club moved from Grove City, Ohio and came to Darbyville, Ohio in the summer of 1972. The Bill Moose Muzzle Loading Gun Club is located on the banks of Big Darby Creek off Greenway Drive, Darbyville, Ohio.

Bill Moose Muzzle Loading Gun Club came about from men wanting a place to preserve the American Traditions symbolized by the guns of the pioneers; to establish a place where they could shoot black powder guns, share their love for these guns, the sport of shooting these guns, and to have a place where families could come together to spend time together.

In January 1951, Don Townsend got a group of men together to form such a club. This was not an easy task. After much deliberation these men were able to come up with the plans to start up a new

club for them to enjoy their love of black powder guns. After they formed, the members of this club then came up with the constitution, by-laws, and the location of where this new club would be.

Coming up with a name was the easiest part of starting up this new club. They came up with the name Bill Moose, after the last known survivor of the Wyandotte Tribe of Indians. From 1837-1937 Bill Moose lived and died along the Olantangy River Banks. During his life Bill Moose made a big impact on peoples lives by sharing his wisdom and traditions to anyone who would listen.

After 32 years at the Darbyville location the tradition still carries on. Every first full weekend of every month men, women, and children still come out to enjoy the sport of shooting black powder guns, camp, and spend time together. July 2004, the club held it's 50th annual "Old Timers" shoot. This is where everyone dressed in 1700-1800 period clothing. It is great fun to see everyone dressed up; shoot great targets, and have an awesome pig roast with live blue grass music playing in the background.

Bill Moose Muzzle Loading Gun Club contributes a lot to the members and the surrounding community. The contributions vary from a place being provided to "run away" from the hectic work week to have a place to enjoy life with the family, friends, and be able to enjoy the sport of shooting guns; even if it is for one day. The club also offers a place for the community to get together for the holidays and/or special functions. Every year the club opens it's door for the Darbyville community to hold their Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival Party, etc.. Bill Moose also opens their doors to any organization/club such as The Boy Scout Troops and The Canoe Club, to anyone who is interested in learning about black powder guns, and how to shoot them.

-Submitted by Ralph Adams

CHARLES MORRIS FAMILY

Charles Edward Morris was born in Pickaway County, Ohio in February, 1872. In 1899, he married Margaret Collopy, also of Pickaway County. Mr. and Mrs. Morris had five children: Alice (born in 1902), Harriet (born in 1903), Joseph (born in 1907), Charles Jr. (born in 1912), and Ruth (born in 1915).

Charles Morris was a farmer in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, for many years; Mrs. Morris was a schoolteacher. In 1918, Mr. Morris purchased a farm on the bank of Scippo Creek in Saltcreek and Pickaway Townships. Mr. Morris' farm, Camp Charlotte, consisted of over 300 acres. It was part of a Federal Land Grant in 1803. The farm was accepted into the National Register of Historic Places in 1986, and is still in the family today.

Three weeks before Charles Morris and his family moved to their new home, his beloved wife, Margaret, died, likely due to influenza. In spite of his great loss, Mr. Morris, assisted by each of his children, made a success of his farming operation. Mr. Morris raised both horses and cattle, and grew corn, wheat and hay to support his livestock, as well as for sale at market. Charles Morris was a firm believer in the advancing technology of the time. He owned one of the first Model T Ford cars in Pickaway County, and in 1922 he purchased a Fordson tractor. Prior to his first tractor, all of the work on the farm was done with horses. In 1923, he installed a hydraulic ram, a non-electrical device that pumped water from an artesian well to all of the livestock, as well as to the farmhouse. (A hydraulic ram is in use on the farm today.)

L-R, front row: Joseph Morris. Charles Morris, Jr. Second row: Harriet Morris, Alice Morris. Third row: Ruth Morris (baby), Margret Morris, and Charles Morris, Sr., 1916.

Alice and Harriet Morris graduated from Circleville High School, and Joseph, Charles, and Ruth Morris graduated from Saltcreek High School, Pickaway County, and all attended college. Alice Morris married Frank Spires of Lancaster, Ohio, and raised seven children and three stepchildren. (Motherhood agreed with her – she died, at the age of 102, in 2004).

Harriet Morris graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, with a degree in Education. She also earned a Masters of Education degree from Westminister College. Harriet taught in public schools in Ohio until her retirement in1964, at which point she undertook a second career as a teacher at Brooks-Yates School in Wayne Township, Pickaway County. Harriet died in 1996.

Joseph Morris served in the Army Air Force in England during the Second World War, married after the war and raised two sons. Joseph died in 1975.

Charles Morris Jr. served in the U.S. Army during WWII, in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. After the war, he returned to Camp Charlotte Farm to help his father. He also served as Saltcreek Township trustee for 8 years and as Pickaway County Commissioner for twelve years. He still lives at Camp Charlotte.

Ruth Morris married George Macklin, also of Saltcreek Township, in 1946. She and her husband stayed on at the family farm, where she raised two children, and operated an antique shop, in conjunction with her sister Harriet. Her son, Rick, also resides at Camp Charlotte. Along with his daughter Hollin, Rick hopes to keep Camp Charlotte in the family for many years to come.

-Submitted by Charles Morris

SAM MORRISON

Sam Crosson Morrison was born in 18__. His wife was Mary Jane Beaver. He was a farmer and a horse trader. Their children were Walter, Ancel, Ben, Bill, Frank, Clarence, Hattie (Harriet), Lizzie, Maggie, Corie and Amy. They attended the Methodist church in Ashville, Ohio. The children went to school in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, at Dogtown school. They are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Walter married Mildred (Millie) McDonald. They had 2 children, Charles and Coral Adele. Walter operated a gas station on W. Main Street, Ashville, Ohio. He also had a corner grocery store located on the north west corner of Main and Scioto Street, Ashville (currently apartments). His son, Charlie, operated the store for 25 years after his father passed away. Charlie loved Ashville and the history surrounding it. It was in this store that the beginning of the Ashville Heritage Society began to form. People began bringing collectible things to him and soon his store filled. Others in town became interested and in 1978 the Ashville Area Heritage Society was formed. The Ashville Museum was established later after an effort to save the Ashville Train Station was accomplished. Many of the artifacts collected in the Morrison Market were moved to this location. In 1984 the organization moved to its current location at 34 Long Street. This building housed the old Dreamland Theater. A village bicentennial park was established outside the building with benches and a welcoming area.

Charlie married Mona Maddox on August 12, 1951 and they still live at 150 W. Main Street, Ashville (next door to the old Morrison Market). Their children are Charles Dean (Rhonda) and Connie M. (Jack Hutchinson, Slabaugh, David Drum, and Richard Deweese). Charlie and Mona have 5 grandchildren: Chad, Ryan, and Trent Morrison, Airicia Hutchinson Holcomb and Joshua Hutchinson. They have 2 great grandchildren Ryanna Morrison and Timothy Gabriel Holcomb.

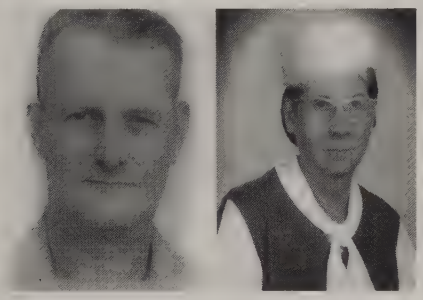
-Submitted by Charles Morrison

L-R: Dorothy Morrison, Mary Morrison, Sam Morrion, and Elwood Morrison. Charlie Morrison's Grandma and Grandpa, Dorothy & Elwood were Charlie's Cousins.

CHESTER BENTON MYERS FAMILY

Chester Benton Myers was born May 29, 1910 in Lawrence County, Ohio. He was the son of Peters Franklin and Sarah Alma Bruce Myers. Chet married Vesta Viola Pancake on March 26, 1936 in Green Camp, Marion County, Ohio. Viola was born on June 10, 1909 in Lawrence County, Ohio. Her parents were Abraham and Myrtia Belle Pemberton Pancake.

During his teens and early twenties, Chet worked in the coal furnaces of southern Ohio. After settling in Pickaway County around 1938, he worked at Texas Eastern Gas Company and served as the mayor of Williamsport, Ohio from 1958 until his death in 1966. He enjoyed fishing and tinkering with electronics.



Chester Benton & Vesta Viola Pancake Myers

Viola was a certified teacher in Lawrence County, but left that career during the Great Depression to earn more money in a factory. From 1937 to the early 1960's, Viola raised her four children. Later in life, she found herself taking care of her ailing parents and brother while working in the local diner in Williamsport. Viola was a devout Christian woman. She also loved to sew and crochet. Her claim to fame though, was the buckeyes she made for friends and family.

Together they raised four children: Shelvia, George, Evelyn, and David.

Shelvia Jean, better known as Tillie, was born September 23, 1937. She married John Harley Neff on July 24, 1955. They had three children: Deborah Lynn born on May 25, 1956; John Harley, Jr. born on November 25, 1957; and Barbara Lou born on August 12, 1961.

George Ernest was born on November 5, 1939, and married Alice Blankenship. They had two children: Becky Sue born on November 8, 1963; and Randy Alan born on May 10, 1965. George was married second to Barbara Ann McNichols on June 22, 1968. Barbara was born on October 20, 1945. Together they had a daughter, Susan Raye, who was born on July 13, 1972.

Evelyn Irene was born on February 28, 1941, and married George Ray Kiser on March 25, 1961. George Ray was born on March 14, 1938. They had two children: Jerri Lynn born on January 13, 1962; and Jeffrey Alan born on January 13, 1964.

David Emerson was born on September 3, 1942, and married Sheila Lucille Reeser on September 14, 1944. Sheila was born on September 14, 1944. Together they had three children: Brenda Lynn was born on March 4, 1965; Terry David was born on February 17, 1966; and Tammy Renee was born on October 9, 1971.

Chester died on September 15, 1966 of a heart attack. Viola passed away on March 27, 2002 of old age. She was 92 years old. Chet and Viola are both buried at Spring Lawn Cemetery in Williamsport.

-Submitted by Sarah Jackson

NANCE FAMILY

Richard Nance was born in Virginia in 1796. He married Jane Wells on 28 August, 1822 in Lawrence County, Ohio. Samuel Ellsworth Nance (one of Richard's eleven children) married Mary Ann Jane McCoy on 12 October 1856. One of Samuel's sons was Charles Washington Nance, born December, 1874, who married Elizabeth Ann Hoover, the daughter of Calvin and Sarah Jane (Allen) Hoover of Fox, Ohio.

The Nances settled into Southern Ohio in and around the counties of Scioto, Pike, Lawrence, Adams and Jackson in the 1800s. Some of the Nances ventured northward; Samuel born 1878 son of Samuel the senior shows up on the 1900 census in Jackson Township, Pickaway County with his wife, E. Ida, both 21. Charles W. came into Pickaway County and married Elizabeth Hoover from Fox, Ohio in 1904.

The 1910 census shows Samuel, who is 32 living on Saltcreek Road, Pike County, Scioto Township near Wakefield, Ohio. In 1910, Charles W. is living in South Bloomfield, Ohio, Pickaway County, with wife and three children.

In 1926, both Charles W., age 52 and Charles Russell, his son, age 20, helped build the Pickaway Power Plant on U.S. 23. Charles W. gained employment when the plant went into operation while Charles R. helped build another plant in Mason City, Iowa and possibly worked on another at Springfield, Ohio. Returning to Ohio, Russell gained employment at Timken Roller Bearing in Columbus, Ohio in 1929, married Vivian Henson in 1932, the daughter of Earl Henson and Edith Clark Henson of Rio Grande, Ohio.

The generation and children of Richard Nance are as follows:

1. Allen, born 1823, Lawrence County, Ohio married Eliza Jane Carter 13 January 1848, died 5 October 1886, Jackson County, buried Hamilton Cemetery.
2. James, born 20 February 1826 married Isabelle Betts 20 November, 1850, died 10 December 1895.
3. Peter, born 1830, married Catherine White 13 August 1849, died 1912.
4. Samuel, born 1832 married Mary Ann Jane McCoy, 12 October 1956, died 1910.
5. Louisa Jane, born about 1835, married Jacob Betts, 18 June 1855.
6. Asa born 1839-40, married Matilda J. Spriggs 17 November 1864, died 2 May 1872.
7. Lucinda born about 1842, married Haven Carter 21 April 1859.
8. Lusetta Jane, born June 1842, married John Cox 25 October 1871, died 9 June 1927.
9. Julia, born 1844, married Charles Kelly, died August 1896.
10. Mary born 1846 married James Oder 25 April 1867.
11. Elizabeth Jane born 1849.

Charles W. Nance Family, 1940's. Back row: Russell, Donald, Marie, Paul, Lawrence. Middle row: Marguerite and Merle. Front row: Betty, Charles W., Elizabeth and Virginia.

The generations of Samuel Ellsworth Nance and Mary Ann Jane McCoy are as follows:

1. Sabra Ann born April 1857 Jackson County, married Joe Cochran.
2. John W. born 1858-59.
3. Levi born February, 1860.
4. McClellan born October 1862, married Julia Pettit.
5. Maria E., born 1865 married Earl Riehner 1 January 1899.
6. Elvira born 1866 married David Wolfe 19 February 1885.
7. Flora Belle, born 1868.
8. James Warren born 2 February 1870 married Charlotte Newman died 1937 Adams County.
9. Sarah Ann born 23 March 1872, not in 1880 census.
10. Charles Washington born December, 1874 married Elizabeth Ann Hoover, died December 1951.
11. Samuel E., born 3 July 1878, married 20 February 1900 Pike County, Ohio, died 9 November, 1926.
12. Garfield, born 5 October 1880.
13. Emma born 25 November, 1881.

-Submitted by Charles R. Nance

ANNA MARIE "SKIPPIE" NEHRENZ

(Circleville resident 1936-1941)

Born in Butler, Pennsylvania, December 1, 1916, the only daughter of German immigrant, Richard Paul Fellmeth and Mary Augusta Troutman, daughter of German immigrants, Anna Marie had piano, singing and dance lessons.

Her immigrant grandfather had fought and been a prisoner of war in the Civil War. After he died in 1919, his widow moved in with Anna Marie's parents. Anna Marie grew emotionally close to her grandmother and spoke only German. When she started school, she did not know English. Following World War I, and an attack on her father because he was a German, he directed the family to speak only English. Consequently, Anna Marie lost her German language.

She was an intelligent girl and "skipped" grades in school, earning her the nickname, "Skippie." In the early 1930s, she became ill with rheumatic fever, her father suffered a stroke leaving him permanently unable to work, and her grandmother died. After recovering from these tragedies, in 1935, "Skippie" enrolled at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, leaving her mother alone in Butler to care for her disabled father. Her uncle, Rev. George J. Troutman, moved her parents to Circleville near him in 1936 where they could receive additional family support, and "Skippie" could be closer to them. While at Capital, she met a linguistically gifted Capital University seminarian, William Ernest Nehrenz Jr., who impressed her father by communicating with him in "high" German.

Following her graduation in 1939, "Skippie" lived in Circleville with her parents, teaching in Balmoral. On August 17, 1941, she and William, whom she nicknamed "Willie," were married at Trinity Lutheran Church, Circleville, by her uncle, Rev. Troutman.

"Skippie's" passions were art, music, church work, sewing, and dogs. One of her unrealized, long-time aspirations was to publish a book. While married, she did not work for pay, but home-schooled her mentally challenged twin sons, and was room-mother, Brownie leader, piano teacher and Sunday school teacher for her daughter. She bravely faced the challenges of moving the family and the resulting feelings of isolation.

Between 1945 and 1963, Rev. William Nehrenz' ministry moved the family to Columbus, Ohio; St. Louis, Missouri; Regina and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; Toledo, Ohio; and Mexico City, Mexico. After addressing the Lutheran World Federation Convention in Helsinki, Finland, William died from Hodgkin's disease in Helsinki University Hospital, September 22, 1963. Anna Marie was flown to Helsinki to spend some of his last days with him.

In 1964, "Skippie" left Mexico, returning to Columbus with her twin sons. She took college courses to update her teaching credentials and taught elementary school, retiring in 1982. She was recognized as an exemplary teacher, named a Jennings Scholar, and awarded a lifetime membership in the Women's Missionary Society of the American Lutheran Church. She continued actively involved in church work throughout her life.

After recovering from several heart attacks and strokes, she died at home of a stroke April 25, 1994.

Anna Marie and her husband, William Nehrenz, are buried in plots adjacent to her parents in Circleville's Forest Cemetery.

Submitted by Billie Navarro

NEUDING FAMILY

The history of Pickaway County would not be complete without the addition of Mr. E.S. Neuding of Circleville, a man prominent in many areas of business as well as public, and religious and fraternal associations.

Born in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, January 26, 1866 into a family of six children and at 6 years of age, he moved with his parents, J.F. and Harriet Brown Neuding to Circleville, Ohio where he completed his education. His father was one of the pioneers of Pickaway County where he was engaged in the music business for many years.

Ten years after completing his schooling, Manny (Emmanuel) entered the grocery business, first, with a partner and later became a sole owner of the store. This store at 215 East Main Street was a delightful place to shop and stop in for a chat. Children tried to decide on which piece of candy to choose from the selection at tempting eye levels. Those were lovely times. Mr. Neuding managed the store for forty years.

As well as tending to the grocery business, Mr. Neuding was influential in other industries. He was Secretary and Treasurer of Circleville Sealing Wax Company, a Director of the Circleville Ice Company and a Director of the New Home Building and Loan Company.

Manny wasn't content just to have a job, but was eager and conscience-bound to be of service to many areas needing his good help. He earned high standings in several fraternal organizations of that era such as the Masons and the Knights of Phythias. In the arena of public affairs of the township and county, he served as Treasurer of Circleville Township and later became Treasurer of the County Township. The United Brethren Church benefited from his management abilities in many ways including his service as a Trustee, General Steward, Superintendent of the Sunday school, a building committee member and as a delegate to both local and national Church Conferences.

Mr. Neuding and Mary Jones of New Holland were married in 1891 and lived on Main Street, Circleville for the rest of their lives. Mary Neuding was a thoughtful and delightful woman of many talents. Her sewing abilities were intricate and beautiful and her kitchen always overflowed with mouth-watering aromas. A wise woman of wry wit, she was always engaging company to Mr. Neuding, his friends and relatives. They were the parents of two girls, Helen and Lucille.

Helen was born in 1882 and met her husband, Oswald Atwell in Circleville. They were married and spent some time in Gary, Indiana when Oz was with U.S. Steel. Later they moved to Chillicothe, Ohio where they lived the remainder of their lives. Helen was active in several women's groups, enjoyed needlework and like to play bridge. She was always full of high spirits and ready for any challenge. At her death, she was survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Atwell and several grandchildren.

Lucille was born August 4, 1898, grew up in Circleville and later spent 40 years teaching in the local elementary school system. She probably had taught and knew most everyone in Circleville. Lucille was active in her church and a member of Easter Star, a philanthropic organization that aided many groups all over the country. She married Cleon Earl Webb, and at the time of her death, she was preceded in death by her husband, Mr. Webb, and her sister Helen Atwell of Chillicothe, Ohio.

It is a pleasure to say that this family was a contributing asset to Pickaway County and will be remembered as giving unselfishly to their community.

Submitted by Joan Webb Cowdrey

ISAAC NEWHOUSE

Isaac Newhouse came to Pickaway County, Ohio in about 1806 from Loudoun County, Virginia. He was a son of David Newhouse of Loudoun County and the grandson of Anthony Newhouse of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania who was a papermaker and business associate of Benjamin Franklin. Isaac was born 1770 in Loudoun County and died 1850 in Pickaway County. He married Elizabeth Rickey about 1790. Isaac appeared on the 1788 personal property tax list for Loudoun County in the household of William Evans. Since Isaac's father died about 1780 in the Revolutionary War, it is believed that Isaac was raised in the Evans' household after the death of his father. Isaac was a farmer. He and his brother, Anthony, were on the March 20, 1811 land tax list for Pickaway Township, Pickaway County. Their farms were on the Kinnikinick Creek. Isaac bought his farm from Joshua Hobbs and Anthony was the original owner of his farm. At a later time the Isaac Newhouse family moved to Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County.

Elizabeth died 15 February 1853 age 83 years and 7 months according to her tombstone. She was buried in the Prairie View Cemetery, Whisler, in Salt Creek Township. Isaac was also believed buried there in an unmarked grave.

Isaac and Elizabeth's children were Mary, Abraham, Pleasant, Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Isaac L., Rebecca and Jacob. Mary Newhouse was born 1791 in Loudoun County, Virginia and died 1829 in Pickaway County. She married Hugh Stall October 2, 1810 in Pickaway County. Abraham Newhouse was born October 30, 1793 in Loudon County and died 1870. He married Nancy Ann Stewart Vickers December 30, 1815 in Pickaway County. Nancy was born December 1, 1798 in Maryland. Pleasant Newhouse was born May 13, 1796 in Loudoun County and died May 9, 1829 in Pickaway County. She married Joseph Black (son of Edward Black) May 20, 1816 in Pickaway County. Joseph was born September 11, 1788 in Chester County, Pennsylvania and died June 26, 1849 in Pickaway County. Sarah Newhouse was born October 4, 1800 in Loudoun County, Virginia and died August 12, 1854 in Crawford County, Ohio. She married

Abraham Monnett March 17, 1825 in Bradford, Darke County, Ohio. Hannah Newhouse was born 1802 in Loudoun County and died 1820 in Pickaway County. Elizabeth Newhouse was born 1806 in Pickaway County and died in 1887 in Pickaway County. She married Abram Stall between 1850 and 1860. Isaac L. Newhouse was born April 11, 1809 in Pickaway County, Ohio and died April 24, 1885 near Whisler, Pickaway County. He married Catherine Bear May 18, 1834 in Pickaway County. Catherine was born February 4, 1817 in Pickaway County and died there August 29, 1865. Rebecca Newhouse was born 1813 in Pickaway County and died there in 1887. Rebecca lived with her parents until her mother died and then she went to live with her sister Elizabeth. Rebecca never married. Jacob Newhouse was born 1815 in Pickaway County and died 1827 in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Larry Newhouse

DELBERT NEWTON

Delbert Newton, son of Charles and lillian Brewer Newton, moved his family to Pickaway County, Ohio from Pike County, Ohio. His wife, Bessie Dyke Newton and their four children, Wanda, Connie, Jerry and Johnny made the move in 1946.

The Delbert Newton Family

They bought a farm on State Route 138. They later sold the farm and bought a farm on Judas Road, south of Atlanta, Ohio.

Delbert farmed and Bessie was a school teacher.

Wanda married Carl Hooks, Connie married Malcolm (Bud) Grady. Bud died in 1984. Delbert Jerome (Jerry) married JoAnn Graves and Johnny married Janet Marion. They have nine grandchildren. Their children reside in Pickaway County and live in the Williamsport and New Holland area. They still own the farm on Judas Road. Delbert died of natural cause in 1989 at the age of 84. Bessie died of cancer in 1983 at the age of 79.

-Submitted by Bill and Connie Stoker

CHARLES ROBERT & DORTHEA ELLEN (WALTERS) NORMAN FAMILY

Pumpkin Show of October 1945 was an important time in the life of Charles Robert Norman. Having served in the United States Army at the Battle of the Bulge in Germany as well as in Belgium and later in Leipzig until VE Day in May of 1945, he was discharged at Fort Hood, Texas in October of 1945. He hitchhiked to Circleville and arrived on the 11:30 p.m. train Saturday, October 20. He recalled that Pumpkin Show was folding up as he walked through town to John Walter's home on Water Street.

Bob came to Circleville because his wife, Dorthea Ellen, was living with her parents, John W. Walters and Christina (Helwagen) Walters while he was serving his country. John W. Walters was a prominent businessman in Circleville having owned grocery stores at two different locations.

Bob was born in Newark, Ohio on June 23, 1920, to George Washington Norman of Coal Run and Ida Irene (Fouts) Norman of Stockport, Ohio. He was a graduate of Newark High School and worked for Ohio Power and Alcoa in Newark until he was drafted into the U.S. Army. After the service he worked as a Civil Servant at the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, the Veterans Administration of Columbus in the Insurance Division and Lockbourne Air Force Base. He and Dorthea were active members of Trinity Lutheran Church, where Bob was baptized in 1944 by "Dot's" uncle, The Rev. George Troutman, before he went overseas.

Bob was also the first Scoutmaster of Troop 232 at Trinity Lutheran Church and was active in the Boy Scouts America for several years. He was also the part-time bookkeeper for the Ed Helwagen Pontiac auto dealership.

Dot was born in Circleville on August 7, 1920, and went to High Street School and graduated from Circleville High School. Having graduated from Cosmetic School in Columbus she worked as a beautician for several years.

L-R, back row: Dianne Louise (Norman) Richards, Roberta Ellen (Norman) DiBrino; Dorothea Ellen (Walters) Norman. Front row: Judith Ann (Norman) Anderson, Charles Robert Norman.

She loved to sing and through the years was always a very active member in all of the choirs at Trinity Lutheran. She was also employed at J.C. Penny Co. in Circleville for many years.

Bob and Dot were married on August 9, 1939 in Newport, Kentucky and after World War II resided in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio until the summer of 1952 when they moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. Over the years they also resided in Warner Robins, Georgia, Battle Creek, Michigan, Columbus, Ohio and Pompano Beach, Florida, where Dot passed away on May 8, 1995. She is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

Bob and Dorothy's oldest daughter, Judith Ann, born in Newark, Ohio, married The Rev. Donald F. Anderson of Olean, New York. Their daughter, Maura (Anderson) Armus, resides in Flagstaff, Arizona. Daughters Greta Marie, Sara-Britt (Anderson) Williams and Katrina (Anderson) Dobbins reside in New Jersey.

Bob and Dorothy's second daughter, Dianne Louise, born in Newark, Ohio, married William Frederick Wright of Pinellas Park, Florida. Their children, Andrew Joseph and Jennifer (Wright) Fraustro reside in Virginia and Washington respectively. Dianne's second marriage is to Larry Francis Richards.

Their youngest daughter, Roberta Ellen, born in Circleville, Ohio, married Jimmie Carl Efferson of Louisiana. Their daughter, Christina Irene (Efferson) Steel is of Pompano Beach, Florida. Roberta's second husband was Rodney Earl Snyder of St. Petersburg, Florida. She now resides in Pompano Beach, Florida with her husband, Louis Angelo DiBrino of Cleveland, Ohio.

-Submitted by Judith Norman Anderson

OMAN FAMILY

The grand patriarch was George Oman (1748-1790), born near Heidelburg, Germany, who immigrated to Columbia Co., Pennsylvania and served in the Revolutionary War. He and his wife Mary (1752-) had 8 children. Two of their sones, Moses and Henry, settled in Ohio.

I. Moses Oman, born in PA (1781-1845) came to Walnut Township, Pickaway Co., Ohio about 1815. He and his wife Elisabeth Free (1783-1846) had 9 children. Their youngest surviving son was Samuel Henderson Oman (1820-1903) who inherited his father's farm east of Hedges Chapel near Ashville, Ohio. Samuel H. Oman sired 9 children: 6 with his first wife, Mary Martin (-1853) of Cedar Hill, daughter of Adam and Katharine Martin, whom he married in 1841, and 3 with his second wife, Sarah Pontious (1833-1833), daughter of Samuel (1808-1877) and Leah Raymond Pontious (1808-1923), whom he married in 1853. Moses Oman is buried in Ritter Cemetery near Ringgold; Samuel H. Oman and some of his family are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery.

The 9 children of Samuel Henderson Oman are as follows:

1. William Oman (Will) (1842-1892) moved to Kansas and had 3 children.
2. Isabelle Oman (Belle) (1844-1908) married George Washington Yates in 1866 and lived in Hancock Co., Ohio; 2 children, Lorilla and Harley.
3. Emanuel Oman (Man) (1847-1942) a Civil War Veteran, had 4 children by his second wife, Viola Small; Cora Oman (J.E.) Wolfe, Harley C., Clarence E., and Luther J. He lived in Illinois, Missouri, Texas, New Mexico and Hancock Co., Ohio.

Family of Samuel Henderson Oman. c. 1890, either in a studio or at the home on Turkey Run, Walnut Township, just east of Hedges Chapel. Back Row, l-r: Flavius Josephus (Seph), Elizabeth Alice (Lib), Adam E. (Ad), Isabelle (Belle), Emanuel (Man), John Raymond, Mary Catherine (Kate). Front row: Samuel H. (father of the 9 children), Elmer Samuel (E.S.), Sarah Pontious (second wife of Samuel), and William.

4. Adam E. Oman (Ad or A.E.) (1849-1917) ran the general store in Duvall, Ohio, and married Anna E. Hoover in 1871; they had 5 children: Myrtie C. Oman (George) Zwayer (or Zawyer), Florence Amelia Oman (Irwin W.) Young, Bert Lawrence (Ruth Baum), Charles Samuel (Mary Hines), and Burleigh Ray (Marguerite Heer).
5. Mary Catherine Oman (Kate) (1851-1901) married Alonzo Weaver in 1874 and had 3 daughters: Lula Weaver (George) Marion, Edith Weaver (Walter) Marion, and Mary Weaver (Tom) Fleck. Lula and George's son was Alonzo Weaver (A.W. Marion), after whom the State Park near Circleville is named.
6. John Raymond Oman (1853-1924) was a furniture dealer in Ashville, married Clara Hedges (1856-1922) in 1878, and had 2 sons: Guy Samuel (Luretta May Spaulding), who settled in Montana, and Roy (Maude Weist), who taught history at North High School, Columbus, Ohio.
7. Flavius Josephus Oman (Seph) (1854-1917) married Addie Westenhaver (1859-1919) in 1879 and had 2 daughters: Jessie Bloome Oman (Clarence O.) Greenfield and Maude Ethel Oman (Josiah R.) Hedges.
8. Elizabeth Alice Oman (Lib) (1857-1926) married William S. Reber in 1883 and had 4 children: May Reber (H. Monroe) Crites, Clara Reber (George K.) Wright, Emma A. Reber, and Homer S. Reber (Kathryn Cardwell).
9. Elmer Samuel Oman (E.S.) (1868-1950) graduated from Ohio Medical University in 1898 and was a general practitioner in Columbus, Ohio; he married Harriet Shultz (1869-1947) and had 2 sons: Galen Francis (Mary Caroline Hills) and Emory Willard (Harriet Gates.)

Marriages of four of Samuel Henderson Oman's siblings plus a nephew are also on record in Pickaway County: Peter Oman (1810-1887) married Mary Ann Hedges (1818-1895) in 1833, John Oman (1814-) married Elizabeth Kesler (or Kistler) in 1834, Sarah Oman (1826-1849) married John Knight in 1843, Elizabeth Oman married Clement Jester in 1838 (second husband, Thomas Keys in 1844), and Peter Oman's son, Samuel Oman (1844-1917), married Mary Schmech (or Smeck) in 1970.

II. Henry Oman (1775-1853), brother of Moses, married Eleanor Brittain (1783-1846) and moved from Pennsylvania to Hancock County, Ohio about 1837. Their son, George Oman married Elizabeth; one of their sons was Samuel Oman (1839-1908), who married Mary Solt (1835-1916) in 1861 at Marcy, Ohio. This is the Samuel Oman who farmed property at the Slate Run Living Historical Farm in Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio and built the barn there in 1881. Their children were Sarah Jane Oman (1864-1889), who married Dewitt Millar in 1881; John W. Oman (1865-); David Conrad Oman (1866-1919), who married Isabelle Peters in 1889; Elizabeth Oman (1869-), who married John Lewis Courtright Friebly (or Friebely) in 1889; (all recorded in Pickaway County) and Martha Oman (1872-) who married George Keinzle in 1889. Samuel's sister, Elizabeth Oman (1840-), married Emanuel Smith in Pickaway County in 1857.

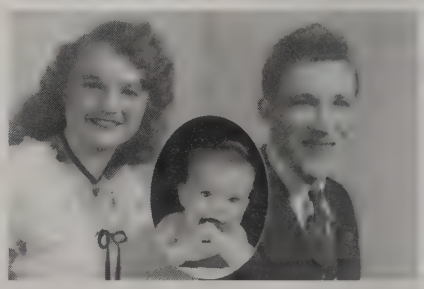
Another son of Henry and Eleanor Oman was named Isaac Oman; he married Mary Kesler (or Kistler) in 1838 and lived near Circleville, Ohio. After Isaac's untimely death, Mary Kesler Oman married Samuel Bowman in 1846, who assumed guardianship of Isaac's 2 children: son Levi Oman, who married Anna Morgan in 1866, and daughter, Rachel Oman, who married John Christy in 1868. These 4 unions are recorded in Pickaway County.

Known descendents of Samuel Henderson Oman residing in Pickaway County in 2004 include Anne Reber (Don) Collins, granddaughter of Elizabeth Oman Reber, and Nancy Collins (Steve) Scott, Connie Collins (Roger) Gloyd and Kathryn Dunkel (Lowell) Kight, great granddaughters of Elizabeth Oman Reber. Sarah Elizabeth Kight and Carrie Gloyd (Kevin) Ashcraft are great-great granddaughters; the Ashcrafts have 2 children, Reed and Emma. Louise Oman (E. Jackson) Warner, M.D. is a granddaughter of Dr. Elmer Samuel Oman.

-Submitted by Louise Warner

WELDON AND MABEL OWENS

Weldon Owens was born January 25, 1925 in Wayne Township, Pickaway County on the Percy May Farm, the son of John Rector and Corda May (Skinner) Owens. He had two older brothers (deceased), Eugene Foster and Don Edwards Owens and two younger sisters, Marjorie Ann and Myra Kay. John worked on the farm until 1928 or 1929 when he moved the family to Wayne Township, Ohio and built his own house on the old canal bed.



Weldon went to several county schools and was then drafted in the U.S. Army at the age of 18 starting in March 1943 at Fort Hayes Columbus, Ohio. He served in World War II, in E (Easy) Company 10th Regiment. He was part of the Normandy Invasion going into Omaha Beach after the second wave. In 1944 he fought in the front lines of Metz, Germany helping to capture an SS general and also fought in the Battle of the Bulge in the Rhineland Campaign. He was later wounded in Meinz, Germany on the 26 day of March 1945. He took some German Panzer tank machine gun fire with a bullet entering his neck barely missing his jugular and exiting through his shoulder and was also hit in his left forearm. His medical care and recovery started in Reims, France and ended when he was discharged from Percy Jones Medical Center, Fort Custer, Michigan. During his recovery he shared the same surgeon in the same ward as Second Lt. Bob Dole of Russell, Kansas. Weldon received the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the European African Middle Eastern Theater ribbon, the Combat Infantry Badge, the French Medal, French Jubilee Medal, the Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the American Theater ribbon.

After being discharged August 1, 1946 and coming home, he married Mabel (Russell) Owens in Greenup, Kentucky on June 23, 1948.

Mabel (Russell) Owens was born on Novem-

ber 7, 1929 to Earnest Claude Russell and Rena Bell (Craig) Russell in Jackson Township, later moving to Pickaway County due to more work being available.

They had 15 children in all, with Mabel having seven sisters, Dorothy, Ruth, Velma, Hazel, Peggy, Marie, and Margaret, and seven brothers, Forest, Nelson, Kenneth, Raymond, Harold, Earnest and Romie Brian who passed before reaching his first birthday.

Her father farmed in Jackson Township, Pickaway County and Walnut Township Pickaway County until retiring. Weldon and Mabel had one daughter, Deborah Kay Owens (born May 1, 1951) who has given them two grandchildren by Rudolfo (Floyd) Sanchez. The oldest grandchild, Angelina Maria Sanchez, married Andreas Malone, the two of them given Weldon and Mabel two great grandchildren, Nichelle and Noelle Malone. The youngest granddaughter, Andrea Sanchez has giving them three great grandchildren, two boys, Dametre and Dabrien and one girl, Davinna and is expecting another.

Deborah's husband Floyd passed away on June 1, 2003 at Veterans Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

Weldon worked driving the Pickaway County, Ohio Bookmobile from 1949 until 1961, at Barnhill's Dry Cleaning until 1967, and then with Owens Illinois until retiring in 1986. He is a life member of Disabled Veterans Administration, Chapter 70, AMVETS 2635, a member of Soldiers Monumental Association and also a member of the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Society. Both Weldon and Mabel were members of the Ashville Area Heritage Society in Ashville, Ohio.

Mabel has always had the role of homemaker since marrying Weldon and enjoys reading and collecting Beanie Babies, has a Mickey Mouse and other mice collection and also collects coins.

Weldon and Mabel went to the Kingston United Methodist Church in Kingston, Ohio for about 12 years and then transferred to the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Circleville, Ohio in 2004.

They now reside at 225 Edwards Rd., Circleville, Ohio having lived there 43 years as of September of 2005

-Submitted by Mabel Owens

ALLEN PARKER FAMILY

Allen Parker was born on September 10, 1760. His parents are unknown. He is now believed to be the first Parker in America. His wife's name was Rhoda; we do not know her last name. Allen had 7 children, 3 of whom we know their names: Laben, Elisha, and Mary. Allen died March 30, 1829, and Rhoda died June 6, 1854. I believe Allen may have been the first Parker of our family in America and that he emigrated here from Berne, Switzerland.

Laben Parker was born in Pickaway Township on October 10, 1812. When he was a child, his parents moved to Saltcreek Township, where he lived until his death. Laben married Susannah Bunn on January 18, 1839. They had three sons, Thomas, George, and Samuel, but Samuel was the only one who married and had a child. Susannah died on December 22, 1852, and Laben married Caroline Black on November 7, 1854. Caroline died on February 3, 1883 and Laben died on January 16, 1896.

Samuel Parker was born October 8, 1839. Samuel went to school in Saltcreek Township. His whole business training was in the line of farming and during many years of his active life he successfully followed farming in his native township, where he owned 412 acres of good land.

Samuel was always a loyal and public-spirited citizen. In 1864, during the Civil War, when the call was sent for volunteers for 100 days, he entered the army and served 120 days guarding points in Virginia. He had two brothers in the service, Thomas C. and George W., who were members of Company K, 114th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Thomas was killed near Vicksburg during the Civil War and George died in 1866, Schuyler County, Illinois.

Walter Parker, Jr.

Samuel Parker was first married to Rebecca Karshner of Hocking County, Ohio. Samuel married his second wife, Harriet Newhouse, who was born in Saltcreek Township and was a daughter of Isaac Newhouse, who was a prominent farmer of Saltcreek Township. They were married on April 10, 1881 and had one son, Walter Samuel.

Samuel cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln and for many years was affiliated with the Republican Party, but in his later years he gave support to the Prohibition Party. While living in the country, he served three years as a Saltcreek Township Trustee and was always interested in the welfare of this area and improving the educational as well as agricultural developments.

Samuel died in 1924 at the age of 85 and Harriet died in 1932 at the age of 81.

Walter S. Parker Sr. was born September 27, 1892. He was a farmer in Saltcreek Township. He had his home built on Jackson Road in Saltcreek Township across the road from his father Samuel's home. Both homes are still standing on Jackson Road. He married Helen Brundige in September of 1915. They had four children: Harriet (now deceased), Walter S. Jr. (now deceased), Charles E. "Gene" (now deceased) and Martha (husband, Ralph Patterson). Walter S. Sr. and his two sons farmed 500 acres in Saltcreek Township. Helen died in 1948, and Walter Sr. married Josephine Dresbach in 1950. She died in 1962. Walter Sr. died in 1984.

Walter Parker Jr. was born on May 17, 1917 in Whisler, Ohio. He married Mildred Bower (born June 15, 1922) on June 15, 1939. They had four sons, William W., Robert E., James L., and Joe K. Mildred died in 1996 and Walter died in 2000.

William W. Parker married Susan Blue and the couple lives in Washington Township and have three children: Sharon (husband Damian Puchala, children, Leslie and Allison); Timothy (wife Ronda); and Daniel.

Robert E. Parker married Margaret Clapper and the couple lives in Washington Township and have three children: Julie, Jenna (husband Dean Acklin), and Michael.

James L. Parker married Dawn Parker and resides in the city of Circleville and they have two children; Adam (wife Alisa); and Ashley.

Joe K. Parker lives in Kingston, Ross County, Ohio.

The four brothers continue to own and operate 335 acres of prime farmland in Saltcreek Township.

-Submitted by Robert Parker

WILLIAM PATRICK FAMILY

William, circa 1770, and Sabra Hall Patrick, circa 1763, along with their son Jesse, migrated to Ross County, Ohio, December, 1799 from Maryland settling near what is now Hallsville; William served in the War of 1812. William and Sabra had three children: Jesse, David and William. William died in 1836; Sabra died in 1850. They are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ohio.

Samuel Lutz – 100 Years old. Seated front row: Harriett Lutz, Lewis Leasure, Mary Ellen Leasure, Lydia Lutz Lutz, Catherine Lutz Lutz (Minshall). Seated middle: Samuel Lutz (lived to be 102). Standing l-r: George Lutz, Dr. Zurmehly, John Lutz's wife, John Lutz (Lawyer), Isaac Lutz, Isaac Lutz's wife, Rachel Lutz Patrick, Christopher Patrick, Ovid Lutz.

Their middle son, David, born in 1800, remaining in Pickaway County, was married in 1824 to Magdalene Holderman. They had nine children: William, Eleanor, John, Elizabeth, Sabrin, Mary, Christopher, Isaac, and Emily. David died in 1841, and Magdalene died in 1864. Both are buried in Prairie View Cemetery, Whisler, Ohio.

Christopher, son of David and Magdalene, born in 1835, was married in 1858 to Rachel Lutz, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Lutz. Christopher, a well-known farmer and stock dealer, and Rachel resided about two miles north of Kingston just over the line between Ross and Pickaway Counties. Their children were Clifton, Flora, Ella and Mary.

Christopher's death in 1892 made for an interesting story in the *Chillicothe Leader*. Having been found along the road dead, a coroner's investigation was made and determined " heart disease" while returning home was the cause of death. Like many of the news stories of its day, the detail and personal feeling of the article is not seen in our present day media. Rachel died in 1909. They are buried in Prairie View Cemetery.

Clifton, son of Christopher and Rachel, born in 1859, married 1880 to Emmaline Pyle. They were the parents of Lumund, Ilda, Frederick, Pearl and Clarence.

Pearl, born in 1888, married in 1914 to Cleo Dresbach and they had three children: Orville, Carroll Dane, and Ira Eugene.

Ira Eugene, born in 1933, married in 1952 to Joanne Arledge. They are the parents of Rebecca (Tom Davis), Daniel and Michael and grandparents to Adam, Jonathon and Erin Davis, Natalie (Alan Smith) and Allison Patrick, and Mack and Isabelle Patrick.

Clarence, born in 1884, married in 1907 to Ethel Hough. They are the parents of Gerald and Frances. Ethel died in 1954 and Clarence died in 1975. They are buried in Hallsville Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio.

Gerald, born in 1909, married in 1935 to Pauline Butler. Gerald died in 2001, Pauline died in 2004. They are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery, Frankfort, Ohio. They are the parents of Wayne.

Wayne, born in 1939 was married in 1962 to Jean Hickel. They are the parents of Scott and Brian. Wayne still farms in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Scott, born in 1963, married in 1987 to Angela Davis. They are the parents of Dane, Emily and Nathan.

Brian, born in 1965, married Debbie Debord and resides in Cleveland, Ohio.

Frances, daughter of Clarence and Ethel, born in 1914, married Charles A. Wood. They are the parents of Mary Kay, born in 1941, and Charles William (Bill).

Bill, born in 1945, married Sharon Dawson. Their children are: Megan, Anthony, Regina and Brenna. Their grandchildren are: Kody, Drew, Anthony, Mariah, Shaylee, and Felicity.

Still residing in Pickaway County are the Eugene and Daniel Patrick families, Frances, Mary Kay, and the Bill Wood family, and the family of Scott Patrick.

-Submitted by Angela Patrick

ALAN PETERS & ANN PETERS FAMILY

Elder Tunis Peters (1749-1826) lived in Hampshire County, Virginia where he was the High Sheriff and soldier in the Revolution. He married Francina Adams (1758-1839), cousin of President John Quincy Adams, and had 14 children. In later years, Tunis and Francina came to Pickaway County to be near youngest son Absalom Adams who resided near Ringgold. Elder Tunis Peters, a Primitive Baptist minister, is buried in the Turkey Run Primitive Baptist Cemetery.

Absalom Adams Peters Sr. (1803-1885) married Famah Swisher (1809-1898) and they had 18 children including A.A. Peters Jr. In 1849 Absalom purchased the Tallman farm at 9951 Ashville-Fairfield Road and constructed a large home that remains in the Peters family today.

Absalom Adams Peters Jr. (1852-1906) lived at this homestead for his entire lifetime. He married Elizabeth Stein (1856-1905) and had 4 children: Anna May, David (died at 7 months of age), Mary Famah, and John Chester. Large family reunions had begun annually at the homestead. A.A. Peters was a farmer, Maker of Fine Surreys and Buggies, Pickaway County Commissioner, Walnut Township Trustee, Mason and director of the Reber Hill Cemetery where he and Elizabeth are interred.

John Chester Peters (1882-1922) graduated from Ohio Northern University and married Florence Kraner (1884-1975) of Pleasantville. They lived on the family farm and were active in the Masons, Nebraska Grange, and Turkey Run Church. John Chester died suddenly when their only son, Joseph Chester, was 10 years old. Florence continued to administrate the farm and upon Joseph's marriage, purchased adjoining property including a home where she lived until her death. John Chester and Florence are buried in the Reber Hill Cemetery.

Joseph Chester Peters (1912-1981) attended the brick one-room school, currently a residence, at the corner of SR 674 and South Bloomfield-Royalton Road. He graduated from Walnut Twp. School and Ohio State University. Joseph married Chestora Dountz who was born in Ashville, and after the untimely death of both her parents, grew up near Commercial Point. Chestora also graduated from Ohio State University and taught at Scioto Township, Walnut Township, and Williamsport and also substituted in other county schools. Joseph and Chestora were active in Hedges Chapel, Masonic Order, Eastern Star, Nebraska Grange, DAR, SAR, and the Republican Party. They both lived at the home farm for the remainder of their lives. They had 2 children, Alan Adams (born 1945), and Ann Chestora (born 1948).

Alan A. Peters graduated from Teays Valley High School, attended Ohio University, graduated from Franklin University, and is a U.S. Army veteran. He married Connie Shaffer of Indiana, Pennsylvania and they have 2 children. Victoria Joette (born 1969) and Michael Alan (born 1972). He later married Patricia Stewart Carrol and they live in Dayton, Ohio.

Ann Peters graduated from Teays Valley, Miami University, and Ohio State University. She married Mark Phillips of Commercial Point and they have 3 sons: Brian Mark, Andrew William, and Justin Adams. Ann later married Bruce Michael Williams and they reside in Daytona Beach, Florida.

-Submitted by Ann Peters Williams

ANDREW H. PETERS FAMILY HISTORY

Andrew Peters (1809-1894) was born in Manchester, Maryland. The family traveled to Ohio in 1812, settling in Fairfield County. In 1841, he married Ann H. Reber (see Reber family history), and they had 5 children: Alice, Emma, John, Milton, and Frank B.

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Frank B. Peters (1845-1920), along with his two brothers, became heirs to a section of land purchased by their father, Andrew, from the Renick family heirs, whose ownership was part of "An act providing for the sale of lands of the US in the territory northwest of the Ohio, and above the mouth of the Kentucky River (etc.)" mandated during the presidency of Thomas Jefferson and signed off by the Secretary of State James Madison. Mr. Peters divided the land between his three sons, Milton, in Fairfield County, and John and Frank B. in northern Pickaway County. Frank married Ivea Clark in 1883 and they also had 3 sons, Curtis, Carl and Paul E.

Paul E. Peters (1893-1962), along with his two brothers, received the northern Pickaway land shares from their father. The homestead built by Frank B. and Ivea in 1875 became the home of Paul and Stella (O'Harra), whom Paul married in 1916. To this union three sons were also born: John, Robert, and Harold W.

Harold W. Peters (1925-) remained on the farm and still resides there. He married Helen (Wiseman) in 1951 and they are parents of Rebecca (Ohlinger), Rhonda (Duncan), Keith (DeLynn), and Donald (Debbie).

Donald (1954) and Keith (1960) now operate this farm, and other acreage, at KDH Farms. Their sons (and daughters) help when and where they can.

-Submitted by Harold and Helen Peters

POLING

The first Poling to come across the Atlantic, Thomas Poling, arrived in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1642 on the ship *Scorpion* from Gloucester County, England. He left behind his wife, three sons and a daughter to be brought over after he had established himself in the New World. His son John later arrived as a young man. However, John was soon banished from Lynn, Massachusetts for religious reasons. He sailed with about twenty of his friends to New Amsterdam where they were granted religious freedom by the Dutch and given land. This land later became known as Gravesend (Kings County, Long Island, New York). This name may have been taken from the town of Gravesend in England from which the family was supposed to have sailed on their departure for America. In 1720 the Polings moved to Monmouth County, New Jersey, continuing to Loudoun County, Virginia and finally settling in Allegheny County, Maryland, between 1782-87.

Jud Poling 1903 – 1966 (left) and Lester Poling 1907 – 1969 (right)

The sixth generation of Polings was the first to move to Ohio arriving in 1805. This was Richard Poling Sr., born about 1750 in New Jersey and married Sophia DeWitt, born 1753, in New Jersey. They, along with their children, moved from New Jersey to Allegheny County, Maryland and on to Perry County, Ohio.

The tenth generation arrived in Pickaway County between 1909 and 1916 from Hocking County. Aaron Poling born in 1869 in Hocking County married Ella Kitchen who was born in 1876. Aaron and Ella lived in Hocking County for several years before moving to Pickaway County. They had six children: Josie May, Merril, Jud, Lester, Gladys, and Marie. Aaron was a farmer. He died 1949 and Ella died 1954.

Jud Poling, born May 14, 1903, in Hocking County, married Mabel Arthelia Dumm, born March 13, 1908, in Pickaway County. They were the parents of two children, Donald Judson and Gloria Ann. Jud was a farmer most of his life. He died May 24, 1966 and Mabel died May 5, 2000. Both are buried in Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery.

Donald Judson Poling, born July 16, 1934, in Pickaway County married Phyllis Elaine Maxson, born September 7, 1936, in Pickaway County, at the Hallsville Methodist Church, Ross County. Both retired as teachers from Circleville City School system. They are the parents of three daughters: Deidre, Kamela and Melinda. Deidre Alain Poling married William Arthur Schaefer of Bloomingburg on August 18, 1979. They have two children: Eric William and Alaina Ann. Kamela Dawn Poling married Dean Joseph Yuricich of Lorain on June 22, 1985. They have two daughters, Jillian Grace and Rachel Margaret. Melinda Jan Poling married James Douglas Voorhis of Mason on August 4, 1984. They have two daughters: Britney Ann and Chelsey Jan.

-Submitted by Elaine Poling

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Norman L. Pontius 1898-1968
Mary Ellen Pontius Forquer 1923-1970
Bonnie Sue Forquer Remy Cox 1947-
Julie S. Remy Cubbison 1972-
Matthew E. Cubbison 1998-

-Submitted by Bonnie F. Cox

Matthew (6 1/2), Nicholas (5), Emma (3 1/2), and Ellie (5 mo.) Cubbison.

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-Submitted by Robert Pontius

PRICE

James W. Price came to Pickaway County, Ohio with his parents Daisy and Earl Price at the age of three. Mr. Price married Eleanor McAbee, a native of Pick away County. Eleanor was the daughter of Clarence and Leila Smith McAbee of Wayne Township.

Mr. Price (Jim) served honorably in the Coast Artilliary following their marriage. Upon serving four years, Jim returned home and became an electrician. After several years he established E-P Electric Service. He was sole owner of this contracting business for approximately 30 years.

The Prices had three children: Linda, Douglas and Nancy. Linda became a marine biologist, Douglas works at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio and Nancy was deceased in 1983. One of Nancy's children, Melissa, was raised by Jim and Eleanor and lives in Gahanna, Ohio.

-Submitted by Eleanor M. Price

HARRY WELDON PUFFINBARGER

William Grant Puffinbarger was the son of Jon and Maria Puffinbarger. He was born 8 January 1869 and died 1 February 1949. William married Frances Lodeema Noble who was born 27 April 1873 and died 1 January 1901. William then married Vinnie Mae Noble, born 10 May 1881 and died 20 November 1961. Both wives were daughters of Nathanial Thomas Noble and Martha McDaniels.

William and Frances had the following children: Donna Mae (born 3 November 1894, died 15 April 1983); Mabel (born 13 January 1896, died 13 September 1962); Henry Weldon (born 15 June 1897, died 6 September 1976); Edna Viola (born 11 September 1898, died 31 July) and Howard (born 2 December 1899, died 14 November 1966). Dona Mae married Vernon Smith on 8 September 1916. Mabel married Roland H. Scott on 26 October 1915. Edna married Clark Jackson Beach on 16 June 1934. Howard married Agnes Isabel Donohoe.

William and Vinnie Mae had the following children: Earl (born 5 November 1901, died 2 November 1918); William Arthur (born 14 June 1903, died 31 August 1903) and Charles Grant (born 9 January 1909, died 25 May 1972). These children are buried in Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Ohio, near William, Frances and Vinnie.

Harry Weldon Puffinbarger married Leona Higman, daughter of William Higman and Matilda McGath. Leona was born 24 April 1896, died 13 February 1964. Their children were: Harry William (born 15 June 1919, died 7 April

1996); Robert Weldon (born 2 September 1921, died 1 August 1974) and Mary June (born 29 May 1926). Harry Weldon, Leona and Robert are buried at Springlawn Cemetery.

Harry William married Mary "Thelma" Angles on 26 September 1938. She is the daughter of Albert Angles and Mary Ellen Thomas. Harry and Thelma had a son, Billy Lee and a daughter, Nancy. Harry William is buried at Springlawn Cemetery.

Back row, l-r: Will, Emma, Fremont.
Front row: Maria and John Puffinbarger.

Billy Lee married George Ann Chester on 15 June 1957. They have two children, Lisa Ann and Dusty Lee. Lisa married David Varney 1 May 1983. Their children are Justin David and Brittany LeeAnn. Dusty married Sueann Binkley 22 August 1987. Their son is Ryan Lee.

Nancy married Samuel Weller and they have two sons, Samuel David and Scott Douglas. Dr. Samuel David Weller married Karen Kay Rife on 22 April 1995. Their children are Kathryn, Samuel, and Elizabeth. Scott Douglas married Melissa Beth Rizzo on 24 September 1994. Their children are Shayne, Kassidy and Alyssa.

-Submitted by Sam Weller

JOHN ROBERT PUFFINBARGER

John Poffenbarger was born May 20, 1788 in Hagerstown, Maryland to Valentine and Christine Poffenbarger. John married Susannah Catherine Will on July 18,1811 in Ross County, Ohio. John died September 20, 1864 and Susannah died September 3, 1874. Their children were as follows: Susannah (born 12 May 1812, died 28 June 1882), George Will (born 16 October 1813, died 1 January 1888), Henry (born 24 January 1815, died July 1895), Henry's twin was stillborn, Elizabeth (born 23 January 1817, died 23 March 1915), David (born 24 December 1820, died 17 December 1857), Mary (born 13 November 1823, died 26 March 1860), Lucinda (born 18 March 1826, died 6 January 1849), John Randolph (born 13 February 1833, died 23 March 1915), and Sarah Jane (born 1 February 1837, died 31 March 1858).

John Randolph Puffinbarger married Maria Koch on October 22, 1857 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Maria was born June 5, 1893 to Joseph and Anna Marie (Stump) Koch in Ross County. She died February 22, 1933 in Fairfield County, Ohio. Both are buried in Springlawn Cemetery in Williamsport, Ohio. Their names are also on the back of the stone for his brother Henry and his wife Harriet in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

John enlisted at Circleville September 23, 1863 in Company M, 12th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and served with distinction through the Civil War. He received his discharge papers at Lexington, Kentucky, May 29, 1865. He was detained at the hospital at Camp Nelson, Kentucky, in April 1864, with a fever, and was detailed at President Lincoln's second election at General Hobson's headquarters. He moved to Kinderhook.

John and Marie had four children Clara (born 13 February 1859, died 1 October 1887), Charles Fremont (born 26 April 1862, died 23 July 1955), Emma (born 26 May 1865, died 29 May 1945) and William Grant (born 8 January 1869, died 1 February 1949). All their children were born in Pickaway County and are buried in Springlawn Cemetery near their parents.

Fannie, John Robert and Fremont Puffinbarger

Charles Fremont Puffinbarger married Fannie, daughter of Robert and Rebecca (Westenhaver) Campbell on February 25, 1892 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Fannie died November 4, 1957 and is buried with Charles Fremont. They had four children: Marie Belle (born 5 June 1893, died 10 August 1932), John Robert (born 14 May 1895, died 25 June 1975), Ida May (born 27 May 1898, died 29 August 1966) and Rose (born 13 December 1901, died 1989.)

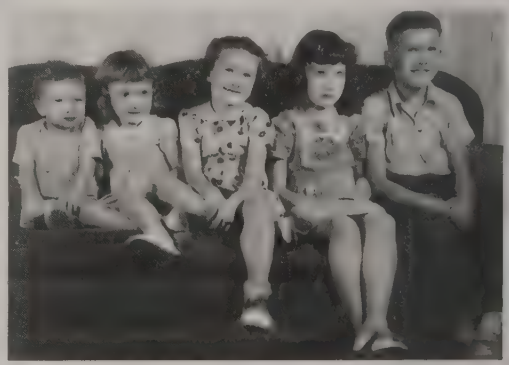
John Robert Puffinbarger married Grace Marie, daughter of Oriel Francis and Mame Florence (Elliott) Troutman on July 24, 1922 in Pickaway County. They had two daughters. Virginia Rose married Kenneth Lee Wright on June 27, 1946. Mary Alice married Paul David Schein on June 29, 1946. The grandchildren and great grandchildren continue to reside in or near Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Mary Alice Schein

RADABAUGH FAMILY

The Radabaugh family originated in Barweiler, Rhineland-Pfalz, Germany. Peter was born about 1675. Their motto was "Derr Herr Ist Mein Fels" (The Lord is my Rock.) The Radabaughs fled Germany to avoid religious persecution, heave taxes and the invasion of King Louis XIV. Family members Johann Nickel and Johann Michael (Reidenback) emigrated from Germany by taking small boats down the Rhine to Rotterdam. They sailed aboard the Guild Lydia with Captain James Abercrombie, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes; and arrived in Philadelphia on September 19, 1743. Most Radabaugh men were farmers or ministers, migrating from Berks County, Pennsylvania, to the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, on to Ohio and farther west. Johann Heinrich and Anna Apolonia (Reidenbach) settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Their son, Johann Adam and Mary Barbara (Fischer) Radabaugh lived in Hardy County, West Virginia. They parented Henry. Henry and Catherine (Buzzard) Radabaugh lived in West Virginia, then moved to Madison Township, Jackson County, Ohio. Their son, Jesse, born in Greenbriar, West Virginia, lived in Jackson County, and married Elizabeth (Arthur). Their son, Lewis, married Delilah (Spriggs) and she bore a son, Edward Jordan. Edward married Rachel (McNamer). Edward's son, Benjamin Franklin, married Florence (Bowens). He was a Baptist minister and also worked as a supervisor on the Scioto County railroad. After moving to the Circleville area, Mr. Radabaugh built several homes. They parented George Emerson Radabaugh, 9th generation, born in Lucasville, Ohio, February 26, 1913, and married Alma (Johnson) on November 15, 1934. In the early 1940s, George and Alma moved to South Pickaway Street. Alma's mother, Emma (Johnson) Newland, also lived in Circleville, operating a restaurant at the corner of Court and Town. Polly Bergen used to tap dance for Mrs. Johnson's homemade biscuits. The Radabaugh children enjoyed stopping by the Blue Ribbon Dairy and Hamburger Inn. George briefly worked for Buckeye Steel before moving to Whisler and farming with Loring (Huffy) Hoffman. He later farmed the McGinnis farm in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County.

George and Alma were the parents of Robert, Shirley, Judith, Carolyn Sue, Larry, Michael, Steven, Linda, Jeffrey, Teresa, Denise and Richard. All the children attended Salt Creek/ Logan Elm schools. Five daughters were Pumpkin Show contestants; four being selected to the court: Shirley, 2nd Attendant 1955; Judith, 1st Attendant, 1956; Teresa, 2nd Attendant, 1971; and Denise, Little Miss Attendant, 1962. Linda represented Logan



Larry, Sue, Judy, Shirley, and Robert Radabaugh

Elm in 1969. Several grandchildren were also Pumpkin Show winners. In the early 70s, Robert, Larry, and Michael operated the East, West, and South End markets in Circleville.

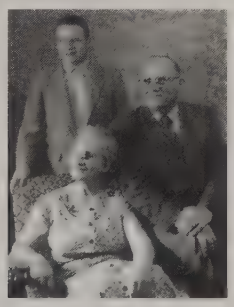
George and Alma Radabaugh modeled honest living, good work ethic and close community ties. This was evidenced when George was diagnosed with cancer, and the neighboring farmers banded together to help Steve harvest the crops in fall of 1969. Such an outpouring of love and support was sincerely appreciated, and indicative of the respect and close friendships between these men and their families.

George passed away in February 1970. His loving wife, Alma, passed away on his birthday in 2000. Most of the Radabaugh children still reside in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Teresa Johnson

CHARLES H. RADCLIFF FAMILY

Charles Henry Radcliff was born in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, on March 26, 1895. He was the oldest of nine children of John Radcliff and Ida Mae Campbell Radcliff. He attended Jackson Township School and was later engaged in farming in Jackson Township. He married Goldie Mae Rosenbloom in 1918 and seven days later he entered the U.S. Army during World War I. He was serving with the 603rd Combat Engineers in the Argonne Forest, France when the armistice was signed. He was discharged with the rank of Motor Sergeant. Charles and Goldie had a daughter, Eleanor Louise who was born March 29, 1920. At the age of 23, Goldie passed away with tuberculosis.



Standing: Dwight Radclift
Sitting: Sadie Greeno Radcliff and Charles H. Radcliff.

Charles owned and drove the first motorized school bus in Pickaway County. He later was employed as manager of the Farm Bureau Creamery, which was located on West Water Street in Circleville, and owned a fleet of milk trucks.

On December 18, 1927, Charles married Sadie Bell Greeno, daughter of John Wesley and Mattie Beachtell Greeno.

In 1930 after much encouragement by Citizens and Civic Leaders of the County, he ran and was elected Sheriff of Pickaway County, using the motto "A square deal for everyone." He served as Sheriff continuously for 30 years. Charles, Sadie and daughter Eleanor moved into the Sheriff's residence on West Franklin Street in 1931 and lived there for the entire thirty years. On September 14, 1932, Dwight Edward was born, joining his parents and sister at the West Franklin Street Sheriff's residence.

Sadie served as the matron and cook for the entire thirty years of Charles' administration.

Over the years Charles was very active in civic and fraternal groups. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Kiwanis and all Masonic bodies. Charles received the first Senior Citizens Award, given by the Circleville Jaycees, in 1961. He was one of the original founders of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association in 1931. He later served as president in 1949 and served for many years as its treasurer. Charles was named Sheriff of the Year in 1960 by the Ohio Eagles. Charles retired in January 1961 and returned to a position with the Pickaway Dairy Co-op, as a field representative and was a real estate salesman for Evans Realty until his death.

Prior to his death, one of the greatest personal prides Charles had in his life was to see his son Dwight elected to three terms as Pickaway County Sheriff.

Daughter Eleanor married Charles Edward Gray, a native of Ashville, Ohio. The Grays had two sons. Charles Edward Jr., born July 8, 1951 and John Frederick, born September 25, 1957.

Son Dwight married Betty Lou Bircher in 1953. They have three children. Vicki Sue, born September 19, 1955, Dwight Charles (Dug), born September 19, 1957 and Robert Bryan, born February 22, 1962. Dwight and Betty have eight grandchildren.

Charles in his first year in office followed his motto and declared war on slot machines and illegal liquor and was successful in stamping this type of criminal activity out of Pickaway County. Also in his first year in office, he was confronted with the brutal murder of John Kidney in Monroe Township. As a result of this crime, six people were arrested and charged with first-degree murder and were tried and convicted. As a result, four received the death penalty and two received life sentences because of turning states evidence. These four death sentences remain a record for a single murder conviction in Ohio and all four were executed within one year of the murder.

-Submitted by Dwight Radcliff

Kneeling: Christopher Radcliff. First row: Emily, Paige, Dwight, Betty, and Nicholas Radcliff. Back Row: Asa Edward, Charles Lee, Jeanne Lynn, Dwight Charles and Robert Bryan Radcliff, James David River, Vicki Sue Heiskell, and Kelly Rae Thompson.

DWIGHT E. RADCLIFF FAMILY

Dwight Edward Radcliff was born in Circleville, Ohio on September 14, 1932. He was the son of Charles Henry Radcliff and Sadie Bell Greeno Radcliff. He married Betty Lou Bircher on December 21, 1953, daughter of Orin Lloyd and Mabel Leona Hoover Bircher. Dwight and Betty attended Circleville High School together and worked in the Circleville community all their lives.

Dwight has been involved in law enforcement since the age of 16. While in high school, he was the unpaid Sheriff's photographer and also filled in as a radio dispatcher. In 1953, he began his formal law enforcement career as a Deputy for his father and worked in that capacity for seven years. In 1964 Dwight was elected the Pickaway County Sheriff, a position he still holds. He currently is serving in his 11th term as Sheriff and holds the title of the longest continuously serving Sheriff in the State of Ohio and the United states by serving over forty years. He was selected Ohio Sheriff of the Year in 1975. Betty also held many position within the Sheriff's Office. She completed Law Enforcement training as a Deputy Sheriff and worked as the Civil Deputy and then Administrative Assistant in the office. She retired January 31, 2002.

They are the parents of three children. Vicki Sue was born on September 19, 1955. She married David Thompson and Kelly Rae was born on January 13, 1980. They were later divorced and Vicki married Dr. James D. River. James River (J.D.) was born on November 26, 1987. They were divorced and she later married Gregory Heiskell. They are presently living in Circleville.

Dwight Charles (Dug) was born September 19, 1957 and married Jeanne Lynn Wright on July 24, 1982. Charles Lee Emerson Radcliff was born September 20, 1983, Asa Edward on November 20, 1987 and Paige Nicole October 25, 1991. They presently live in Pickaway Township and own and operate Radcliff Farms LLC, Inc.

Robert Bryan Radcliff was born February 22, 1962 and married Rhonda Bartholomew September 20, 1986. Nicholas Bryan was born March 13, 1989, Christopher Bartholomew on April 20, 1992 and Emily Ann on September 14, 1994. Robert and Rhonda were divorced in 1997. Robert currently lives in Circleville with his three children. Robert is following in his father's footsteps and is currently a Lieutenant in the Sheriff's Office.

In the past, Dwight was a member of the Jaycees, Circleville Boosters and is presently a member of the Elks, Rotary, all Masonic bodies and was president of the Pickaway Shrine Club in 1975. He is a fifty-year member of the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association and served as president in 1975, forty-five year member of the National Sheriff's Association serving all elected offices and was president of the 48,000-member

association in 1987-88. He is the current corporate representative for the National Sheriff's Association.

Dwight attended numerous law enforcement schools. In 1967, he was selected to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, which is the "West Point of law enforcement." He served six years on the Commission of Accreditation for law enforcement agencies. He has served both Democrat and Republican governors on various important committees dealing with law enforcement and has served as a member of the Academy Review Board for candidates to the military academies for many years, for former Congressmen Robert McEwin, Mike DeWine and current Congressman Dave Hobson.

-Submitted by Rob Radcliff

HOMER & NANCY RATHBURN

Homer Francis Rathburn was born in Vinton County, Ohio, December 7, 1880, the son of Elijah and Almeda McCarthy. Homer had three sisters, Leola, Lillie, Lelia and six brothers, Finley, Amos, James, Jonas and Elma.

Homer and Nancy Rathburn

Homer and Nancy Anna Tipton were united in marriage November 5, 1901 in Vinton County, Ohio. They had eleven children, Bessie, Vera, Roland, Elsie, Alice, Beatrice, Chester, Kenneth, Walter, Mary, and Anna.

Nancy Anna Tipton was the daughter of William and Mary Stacy Tipton. Nancy was born in Vinton County, Ohio on February 24, 1884. She passed away September 2, 1950 in Ashville, Ohio. Homer passed away October 13, 1953 in Columbus, Ohio. Homer was hit by a vehicle on Picway Road, now US Route 23, near the power plant and died of his injuries. They are both buried in the Harrison Township Cemetery, South Bloomfield, Ohio.

With their children moving about, Vera Grace Rathburn, who was born September 25, 1905 in Wellston, Ohio had married Donald Don Donaldson of Lockbourne, Ohio. To this marriage there were three children: Helen Marie, who died in infancy; Virginia Lucille; and Donna Edith. Vera later married Ira Roese of South Bloomfield, Ohio. To this marriage there were Robert Leroy, Ira Jr., who died in infancy, James Edward, Richard Lee, Patricia Ann and Linda Gayle Roese.

Vera Grace passed away June 4, 1974 in Columbus, Ohio. She is buried in Harrison Township Cemetery, South Bloomfield, Ohio.

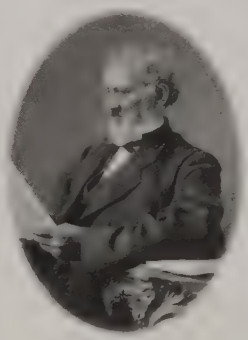
Vera's daughter, Virginia Lucille who was born March 26, 1926 in Lockbourne, Ohio, married Marvin Ray Webster of South Bloomfield, Ohio. They married March 25, 1946 in Greenup, Kentucky. There were five children to this marriage, and this family continues with Frank and Mary Roese of South Bloomfield, Ohio.

Homer and Nancy made their home in the Ashville, Ohio area with all their children lovingly surrounding them.

-Submitted by Virginia Webster and Pam Moody

REBER FAMILY

John Reber (1807-1882), born near Royalton (Tobytown), Fairfield County, the second son of Valentine and Magdalena (Van Reid) Reber who immigrated (1805) from Berks County, Pennsylvania to settle in Fairfield County. The country was a "howling" wilderness with bear, wolves and other animals. John purchased land (1828) in Pickaway County, using money earned feeding and driving cattle to Detroit. He built the Reber homestead house (1832), purchased more farms until he owned approximately 3,000 acres and is remembered for the 32 acres of land given for Reber Hill Cemetery. He never married and upon his death in 1882, he willed the estate to his seven brothers and five sisters: Thomas, JR, William, Charles, James Reber, Samuel, Sarah R. Huston, Joseph, Eliza R. Allen, Ann R. Peters, Mary R. Huber, Pauline R. Clemmens, and Henry.



Hon. James Reber

The Hon. James Reber (1813-1879) John Reber's brother, attended Ohio University and Miami University; licensed to preach by the M.E. Church; married Catherine Stage (1836), daughter of William Stage (Stage's Pond); moved to Illinois where he began to study law; clerked 8 years serving on the same circuit as Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; returned to Pickaway County; elected to the 46th Ohio House of Representatives; three children; Mary (1850-1908), Olive (1947-1915), and William State Reber. Both brothers are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery.

2nd Generation

William Stage Reber (1845-1917) born in Fairfield County near Royalton; accompanied his parents to Illinois; the family returned to the farm John Reber pioneered in Pickaway County (1850); attended the Lebanon Academy at Bloomingburg and Ohio Wesleyan University; enlisted in Company C, 155th Regiment O.V.I.; married Elizabeth Alice Oman; four children:

May Catherine (1884-1935) married H. Monroe Crites. Owner of Crites Canning Factory; graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University. (May is buried in a small mausoleum in Forest Cemetery, Circleville).

Back row, l-r: Douglas Dunkel, Homer and Kathryn Reber, and Patty Collins. Front row, l-r: Connie Collins, Nancy Collins and Kathy Dunkel.

Clara Wright (1886-1924), married George Wright, builder.

Emma Alice Reber (1889-1925)

Homer Samuel Reber (All except May are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery.) W.S. Reber managed the land of his grandfather, William Stage, so well that his uncle John Reber willed him 300 acres (Reber Homestead in Walnut Township).

3rd Generation

Homer Samuel Reber (1890-1960) attended Culver Military School and Ohio State University; married Kathryn Cardwell (1916), a young school teacher from Gallia County, teaching at the Nebraska school in Walnut Township; they had two daughters: Elizabeth and Anne; continued the tradition of farming the Reber homestead, breeding cattle and horses, raising sheep, pigs, chickens and a herd of dairy cows, growing various grains. Terraced gardens provided food for canning and preserving. The Hedges Chapel was important to all the Reber generations. Homer and Kathryn were active in Nebraska and Pomona Granges and the Pickaway County Farm Bureau. Homer was active in the Circleville Kiwanis Club

Libby, Homer, May, Clara, Emma, and Will Reber.

and president of the Pickaway County Board of Education at his death.

4th Generation

Elizabeth Ellen Reber (1917-1995), graduate of OSU; married (1941) Ralph Edward Dunkel; was a music teacher, gifted in piano and voice; had two children: Dr. Douglas Reber Dunkel (1946-); married Carol Wharton; lives in Virginia; two daughters: Katrina Marie Dunkel, Erika Elizabeth Dunkel. Kathryn Ellen Dunkel (1953-) married Lowell Kight; resides on Reber Homestead with her husband and daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Kight.

Elizabeth, Homer and Anne Reber at the Reber Homestead.

Anne Reber (1918-) graduate of OSU, married (1944) Donald Bond Collins (1917-2003) of Hartford, Connecticut; a high school teacher; began Upper Lansdowne Golf Links; has three daughters: Patricia Anne Collins (1946-) married Phillip J. Meves; teacher and golf coach; lives in Westerville, Ohio; four children: Diane Renee married Paul Rothrock. Susan Andrea married John Lottes. Alison Ann married Joshua Laughbaum and had Elle Meves Laughbaum. Donald Collins Meves hasn't married. Nancy Alden Collins (1949-) married Steven Lee Scott (1948-1995); resides on Reber Homestead; teaches first grade at Walnut Elementary; two sons; Damon Douglas Scott married Allison Frame and had Alexa Lee Scott. Lt. John Reber Scott married Tara Wise. Constance Reber Collins (1952-) marred Roger L. Gloyd; resides on Rebar Homestead; dental assistant for Dr. Clark Cellio of Circleville; two children: Carrie Kathryn married Kevin Ashcroft; resides on Reber Homestead; two children: Reed Wilson Ashcroft and Emma Claire Ashcroft. Staff Sergeant Michael Reed Gloyd married Teresa Orr and had Stephen Conner Gloyd.

-Submitted by Nancy C. Scott

REICHELDORFER FAMILY

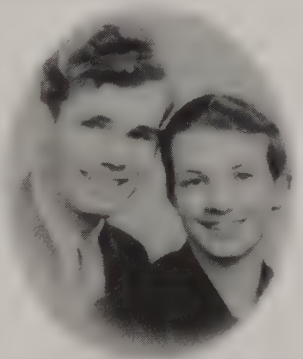
Friedrich Reicheldorfer, born September 21, 1714, in Germany, immigrated to New York with his family in 1717. Around 1728 the family moved to Pennsylvania. Friedrich was a farmer. On the morning of February 14, 1756, two Indians attacked his farm on Raven Creek, killing two of his daughters and setting flame to his farm. Friedrich served as an Indian fighter in the French and Indian War and died in Pennsylvania in 1759.

Friedrich's oldest son, Johannes (John) Reicheldorfer, born December 26, 1741, in Pennsylvania, married Anna Hagenbuch, April 20, 1774. John was a farmer and served as a private in the Pennsylvania Militia during the Revolutionary War. John and Anna moved their family from Pennsylvania and settled on 400 acres in Salt Creek Township. John died August 30, 1810. On April 12, 1816, Anna donated the land for the Lutheran Church in Adelphi. Anna died August 24, 1825. Both are buried in Stumpf Cemetery.

Henry Reicheldorfer, born September 16, 1784, married Nancy Buzzard on December 26, 1809. Nancy was born in 1783 and died April 17, 1835. They had 12 children. Henry married Susan Ann Thompson, August 17, 1837. They had two children. Henry was a farmer and died April 21, 1871.

Jacob Reicheldorfer, brother to Henry, was born December 15, 1791 and married Rebecca Lenhart, born December 13, 1793 in Pennsylvania. Although Jacob moved to Ohio in 1806 with his parents, he returned to Pennsylvania after his father's passing and eventually became deputy sheriff of Berks County. Around 1832, he and his wife returned to Ohio. They had 5 children. Jacob died June 26, 1875. Rebecca November 20, 1856.

Samuel Reichelderfer, son of Henry and Nancy, was born June 12, 1813, in Salt Creek Township and married Sarah Reichelderfer, daughter of Jacob, on January 7, 1836. Samuel died April 8, 1875. Sarah, born March 21, 1820, died July 19, 1890. Samuel and Sarah were farmers and had thirteen children.



James Kipp Reicheldorfer and Doris May Moffitt taken in late 1930's

James Reichelderfer, son of Samuel, was born November 19, 1844, in Salt Creek Township. James married Julia Work on December 19, 1889, in Lancaster, Ohio. They had two children, Evan and Ruth. James served as a private in the Civil War, owned or managed several canning businesses and built the family homestead at 131 East Union Street. Julie died September 13, 1907.

Evan Reichelderfer, born November 23, 1890, in Circleville, married Ione Hudson in Fremont, Ohio, October 22, 1914. They were the parents of James Kipp Reicheldorfer. Prior to 1917, Evan changed the family surname to Reicheldorfer. Evan died January 15, 1962. Ione died June 8, 1975.

James Kipp Reicheldorfer, born January 18, 1917, married Doris Moffitt, daughter of James and Hazel Moffitt, in Circleville on May 17, 1941. They had two daughters, Lynn (Larry Kraus) and Susan (Jack Martin). James worked as an accountant, was a devoted grandfather, enjoyed model airplanes and photography, lived his entire life at 131 East Union Street, and died October 16, 2000.

-Submitted by Todd Martin

CECIL MONROE REID

Cecil M. Reid's great great grandfather, John Reid, came to America with his mother in 1798 from county Tyrone, Ireland. Cecil was born in Monroe Township on September 10, 1895, the son of Nelson F. and Anna LeMay Reid. He married Verna Mae Neff, born April 28, 1897, daughter of William and Etta Mae Hoskins Neff. They married in Circleville, Ohio on September 29, 1917 and were grain and livestock farmers living on the same farm in Muhlenberg Township over 40 years. In 1957 after retiring from farming, they moved to Range Township in Madison County.

Cecil and Verna were always very active in the farming community and lifelong members of the Methodist Church. Cecil was a school board member of Muhlenberg Township, a 4-H advisor, a member of Farm Bureau, Grange, Heber Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, Eastern Star and Pickaway County Fair Board. Verna was a schoolteacher at the Ingman one room school until she married in 1917. After marriage, she was a housewife, mother, and worked in the fields alongside Cecil. She was an active member of WCTU, Ladies Aid, Grange, Eastern Start and PTA.

Verna and Cecil enjoyed camping and traveling. They had six children.

Mary (September 10, 1919-March 11, 1990) Married James Houdashelt and lived in Columbus, Ohio. They had five children—Glenn, Paul, Rick, Gary, and Mary Ellen.

Carroll (September 29, 1921-June 6, 1985) Married Marie Liston, farmed in Muhlenberg and Monroe Township. Also worked for Ohio Department of Transportation. They had two children—Linda married Ernest Lindsey, parents of James, Jeffrey and Jonathan. Larry married Linda Patterson, parents of Robin and Brian.

Lawrence (June 24, 1923-December 27, 1969) married Joan Davis (July 5, 1925-February 24, 1994), farmed in Muhlenberg Township, clerk-treasurer of Westfall School District, served in U.S. Army, WWII. They had three children—Bruce, Brenda and Bradley (June 17, 2002). Bruce married Jeannie Shannon, parents of Bethany and Nathan. He later married Julie Paxon (Elizabeth and Taylor step-daughters). Brenda married Steven Holbrook, parents of Mandy and Wesley. Brenda later married Terry McCreary. Bradley married Patricia Marshall, parents of Brittany.

Dwight (May 17, 1925-March 25, 2000) married Ruth Long, farmed in Muhlenberg and Monroe Townships, also Fayette and Madison Counties. Served in the U.S. Navy, WWII. They had two children—Gerald and Janet. Gerald

married Kathie Unkefer, parents of Stacie, Scott, and Jenna. Janet married Ron Brown, parents of Hollie and Dustin.

Cecil Reid Family, Late 1960's. Back row: Carroll, Kenneth and Lawrece. Front row: Cecil, Uerna, Mary, Margaret, and Dwight.

Kenneth (January 29, 1930-March 22, 1989) married Louella Ann Logsdon (October 1930-September 1997), farmed in Muhlenberg Township, clerk-treasurer of Westfall School District and served in U.S. Army, Korean War. They had three children—Kevin, Karen and John. Kevin married Melissa Rhodes (Stephanie, stepdaughter). Karen had a son Jason, later married Ken Durns. John married Lorinda Jordan, parents of Connor and Preston. Kenneth later married Linda Perrill Evans.

Margaret (September 10, 1938) Married G. Clinton Ritchie, lived in Circleville after marriage. Retired from Columbus Production Credit and U.S. Bank.

Cecil died August 18, 1976 and Verna died April 23m 1983. They are buried in the Muhlenberg Cemetery in Darbyville along with their sons and daughters-in-law, Carroll, Lawrence (Joan), Dwight, Kenneth (Ann), grandson Bradley and Cecil and Verna's parents. Daughter Mary, husband James and daughter Mary Ellen are buried in Marysville.

-Submitted by Margaret Ritchie

WILLIAM RENICK

The steel engraving is of William Renick of Circleville, Ohio, the second son of George and Dorothy Harness Renick born in 1804 after his parents moved to Chillicothe, Ohio from Moorfield, Virginia. William had prepared to enter Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, but due to his father's ill health, William became a partner in managing his father's extensive businesses. Having purchased some of the English blooded cattle brought to his country by John Patton, the Renicks were interested in improving the cattle breeds and they raised some of the most gigantic animals of their kind ever produced.

As a young man he joined his father in driving cattle of the mountains of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia on horseback to markets in eastern cities. In 1820 William began business on his own account as a farmer including the raising, grazing, and feeding cattle, and he continued this business on a very extensive scale to the time of his death in 1881.

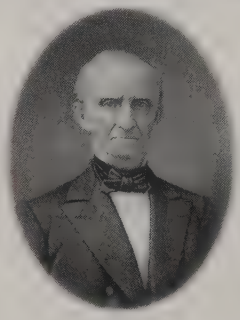
In 1827 he married Miss Jane Sterling Boggs, the daughter of a pioneer farmer who had explored the Ohio territory and staked a claim with the Boggs family in 1798. As William became more affluent, he employed professional drovers to organize the drives. In 1832, he and his wife built a house on her land, which they called Mount Oval. They patterned it after the Garden Temple Jefferson had planned to build at Monticello to provide room for all the people who followed him to Washington.

This architectural plan was taken from an English publication in 1728 by James Gibbs. The Renicks adapted the plan to provide more living space and to accommodate the visiting cattle drovers who came in the spring to organize the drives over the mountains. One of the corner turret rooms was reserved for the drover's use and was accessed from one of the porches.

After the death of his wife, Jane, in 1841, William married the youngest daughter of General James Denny, Mrs. Sarah Denny Delano in 1846. In 1853 William purchased 1,200 head of cattle in northern Texas and attempted to drive them to Illinois to feed and market. Unforeseen difficulty exploded the business of bring Texas cattle when these cattle spread a contagious disease that killed cattle along the trail. A resolution was passed to prevent any more Texas cattle moving north and ended a promising development in the cattle business.

Because of this great loss and because his second wife preferred living in Circleville, William offered for sale Mount Oval Farm to Jacob Ludwig who bought it and gave it to his son Daniel as a wedding present. Mr. Renick and his wife moved to Circleville where he purchased the building of the former seminar for young ladies at the corner of South Court and Mound Streets.

After the death of his wife, Sarah, in 1873 William married Miss Josie Pearce, daughter of Louis Pearce, Lancaster, Ohio and sister of Mrs. Turney Ruggles, Circleville. In his later years he wrote numerous articles for newspapers, articles about political economy, and his memoirs of the cattle business and drives. Some of these articles and the genealogy of the Renick Family along with his own autobiographical sketch were published as a book entitled "memoirs and Correspondence of William Renick" published by the Union Herald Book and Job Printing House in 1880 at Circleville, Ohio. The book gives an excellent account of this nineteenth century period of his lifetime in Ohio.



William Renick

-Submitted by Mary R. Tobert

WILLIAM J. RICHARDS

The Richards Family history in Pickaway County, Ohio began with two brothers, Elmon E. Richards and Walter G. Richards, the sons of L.G. (1876-1928) and Bertha White Richards (1876-1950) who were tenant farmers in Washington and Pickaway Townships back before World War I. The families were English and Welsh and had settled in Jackson County, Ohio. Bertha also had a brother, The Rev. Monte White (1876-1951) who was a circuit pastor for several Pickaway EUB churches. The parents then moved to Richmondale in Ross County, Ohio and entered the hardware business.

Elmon and Walter Richards

Elmon E. Richards (1908-1990) graduated from Richmondale High School and attended Bliss Business School. He married Mabel L. Haynes in 1927 and worked for the USDA Department of Forestry and lived in Chillicothe, Ohio. In 1937 (latter part of the Great Depression) he moved his wife and two children, William and Marilyn to Circleville, Ohio and started an Allis Chalmers Farm equipment business at 325 East Main Street. They later moved to a small farm of 30 acres across from the entrance of Pickaway Country Club on Stoutsville Pike. In those early days of farm equipment a dealer had to trade in draft horses to sell tractors, so he needed a farm. This started the Richards family in farming, but to this day, they all hate horses because they farmers always traded off their mean ones. The small business grew, adding hardware and GMC trucks. In 1946 he built a larger modern building at the corner of Main and Lancaster Pike at 525 East Main (the site now occupied by Kroger and United Dairy Store). The dealership also handled Case Equipment and in 1950 switched to John Deere.

Elmon was very active in Circleville Kiwanis (president 1946). He was on the Washington Township School Board and was president when they closed the high school and sent students to Circleville High—a very gutsy, unpopular move at the time and later recognized as a wise decision.

Elmon was very active in starting the Pickaway County Fair and securing fairgrounds to get

livestock and tractors off the Circleville streets. One of his life disappointments was the restarting of the Pumpkin Show and the competition that has diminished the fair and divided the county.

In 1952 son William entered the business and Richards Equipment purchased the West Side Elevator and added Purina Feeds. They later moved the John Deere dealership to the Routes 56 and 22 West location and rented the Main Street location to Griffith Furniture. William Richards and Grace Stevenson had married and started farming on Canal Road. Elmon then sold the mill business to Pickaway Grain and the equipment business to Marshall Equipment. In 1959 Elmon and Mabel purchased adjoining land on Canal Road, moved to this location and retired.

Mabel Haynes Richards (1906-1996) was a graduate of Ohio University and taught elementary school except those years when her children were very young. She taught at Franklin, Corwin and Walnut Street Schools for sixteen years.

Mabel's father, William Joseph Haynes (1865-1937), Richmondale, Ohio was in the lumber business, active Republican Party and a Ross County Commissioner. He was a descendent of George Haynes, one of the first settlers of Chillicothe who came from Virginia with Thomas Worthington. George Haynes helped build the Adena Mansion, Chillicothe's first bridge over the Scioto and was reported to have been the blacksmith on Robert Fulton's steamship. Mabel's mother was Ella Drummond (1878-1965) from the Drummond Clan of Scotland and early settlers of Ross County whose descendents farm Pickaway and Ross Counties.

Walter Richards (1899-1976) who married Mary Leist (1899-1976) of Washington Township was a master auto mechanic and operated a repair garage on their farm on Route 22 East. Fishing and hunting were his passion and he always maximized his time outdoors with fishing cabins on Darby Creek and Marion Lake. In later years he was a Deputy Sheriff for Charles Radcliff; hunting the bad guys replaced hunting fish and game.

Walter and Mary had two daughters; Fern (1922-1994) who worked years at Third National Bank, married Paul Congrove. Fairy (1926) married Richard Shaw, who was associated with Basic Construction for many years. Their son, Dr. Dennis Shaw is an Ohio State University graduate and is a prominent dentist in Circleville. He married Deborah Wiseman and they have two children, Jennifer Renee and Joshua Patrick.

Marilyn White Richards (1936) graduated from Circleville and attended Ohio University. She married David Hoffman and their two children are Susan (1959) and David (1963). Susan graduated from Ohio State University in merchandising, married Stephen Weinberg and they own a home supply business in New Jersey. David, also graduated from Ohio State in welding engineering, married Stacey Lieberman and is with Techsolve in Cincinnati. Marilyn later married James Redman and they live in the family home on Stoutsville Pike.

William Joseph (Bill) Richards (1931) graduated from Circleville in 1949 and Ohio State University in agricultural economics in 1953. He was a member of the professional agricultural fraternity, Alpha Gamma Rho and later served on its National Board of Directors and was financial v.p. Bill married Grace Stevenson while there were both students at Ohio State and are the parents of William S. (Steve), Bruce S., and Elmon S. Bill and Grace commuted from Circleville their last years of college and worked at Richards Implement Co. They started farming in 1954, purchasing the 325-acre (140 tillable) Canal Road farm, and with debt and borrowed equipment they started a farming operation that grew to several thousand acres. From early days, Bill has been an innovator and adaptor of science and economics to production agriculture. He has spent his career in the practice and development of conservative tillage (no-till) and is credited as the "Father of Conservation Tillage." The movement is revolutionizing agriculture environmentally and economically all over the world.

Honors include Outstanding Young Farmer, Ohio 1966, USA 1967, Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame 1994, and Distinguished Service Awards from Ohio State, Purdue, National Association of Conservation Districts and American Farm Managers Association.

From 1990-1993 Bill was chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, an organization of 13,000 technical specialists in over 3,000 offices. He guided the agency and the agriculture industry in taking a positive approach to its environmental requirements and responsibilities. His creed—"It's the responsibility and duty of every producer to use the best technology available in the production of food and fiber while protecting and improving the environment" has made a difference in raising the conservation ethic for the agriculture industry. After Washington D.C., Bill has been very active writing and speaking on conservation, agriculture and energy. He volunteers on many projects and is the Agriculture Liaison for Ohio Senator Mike DeWine.

Grace Richards (1932) graduated from Jackson Township School and attended Ohio State and is an officer and full partner in Richards Farms family operations. She is active in the Presbyterian Church an avid collector of antiques and enjoys hosting functions at the farm.

Steve Richards (1953), a graduate of Ohio State in agriculture economics is an officer and partner in Richards farming operations. He is married to Loribeth Kowalski, a teacher in Pickaway County and operates her own travel agency, Quality Holiday, in Circleville.

Bruce S. (1955) graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in agriculture economics. He is president of Richards Farms, Inc. and is married to Betsy Ankrom, also a graduate of Ohio State in education and teaches in the Teays Valley system. They have three children: Mason, Maria and Julie and live on the Canal Road farm.

Elmon S (1958) a graduate of Michigan State in Agriculture Mechanics is an officer and partner in the Richards farming operation. He is married to Connie Troehler from Circleville and is an assistant court administrator for the Fourth District Court of Appeals. They have four children: Ashley, Brock, Jason and Lisa. They live on Arbor Road in Circleville.

-Submitted by Bill Richards

THOMAS STANTON & MARGARET (BAUHAN) RIDGWAY

The siblings are as follows:

Eldon Thomas was born in 1904 at the Ridgway Road homestead and with wife Mazie B (Burgett) lived there while he worked the land for several years. He then worked for the State of Ohio, Pickaway County and Darby Township roads. Eldon enjoyed picking the banjo with local bands for homecomings, school dances and also played on the radio. He had two daughters: Joan-Jody (Kerwin) Durflinger and Linda Lee Ridgway. He had two grandchildren-Marci Jo (Michael Graham) and Thomas Edward (Elizabeth Taylor) Durflinger and four great-grand-

Family of Thomas Stanton and Margaret (Bouhen) Ridgway. L-R: Edward, Margaret (mother), Nelle, Smith, Eldon, Sara, Charley, Stella, Hazel, Thomas Stanton (father).

daughters—Jessica Lanae and Lindsay Marie Durflinger, Emily Nicole and Jennifer Lynn Graham.

Smith Newton, born in 1894, and wife Jane (Hill) moved to Franklin County, Ohio but returned to Pickaway County, Ohio and opened a restaurant in their home on State Route 62. A quiet, kind man, Smith had a daughter, Eileen (George-Gordy) Linder and a son, Larry (Joyce) Ridgway. His granddaughter was Donna Jean Montgomery and his grandsons were Donald Linder, George (Bud) Linder and Bryan Ridgway. There were five great grandchildren.

Nelle Alice, Hazel and Sara Beatrice (Sally) stayed in the Derby, Ohio area and built a home there in 1949. Nelle was a cook at Darby School, Derby, Ohio and a faithful communion steward at church. Hazel, a homebody, worked a short time at a canning factory. Sally graduated from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and then taught elementary education in Derby, also on Hubbard Avenue in Columbus, Ohio. These three ladies enjoyed cooking, gardening and church work. All three remained single and were loved by all.

Charles, born in 1886, and wife Ethel (Hotchkiss) lived in Derby. Charley was a kind, gentle man who didn't have an enemy and never met a stranger. He was fun loving. He had one son, Donald, wife Jeanne (Faris), and daughters Henrietta Margaret (Melville) Watson and Maxine (Herbert) Bingham. There were seven grandchildren—D.J. (Pat) Ridgway, Karen (Tom) Stephenson, Kendall Ridgway, Peggy (Jim) Hormann, Richard Watson, Herbert (Carolyn) Bingham and Julie (Bill) Posey and ten great-grandchildren.

Stella (Harvey) Graham, born 1885, owned and worked on a farm on State Route 62. She was a loving, faithful farmer's wife and devoted mother to Carl Maxwell, who owned and drove a school bus in Darby Township, Ohio most of his life. Maxwell (Geneva Thompson) gave Stella her only granddaughter, Cheryl (Rodney) McNeal.

Edward M, born 1882, and wife Pearl (Redman) lived on the Ridgeway Road far in a one-room schoolhouse until windstorm damage destroyed the entire front of their home. Ed loved his truck patch (garden) and cared for it faithfully. He also loved children even though he had none of his own. When he would see a child on the street, he always met the child with a handshake and would recite a nursery rhyme.

-Submitted by Rhonda Miner

URLIN & SADIE BOLENDER RIEGEL

Urlin Leroy Riegel (b. 19 March 1885 - d. 1944) was born at Cedar Hill in Fail-field County, Ohio. On September 1, 1908, he married Sadie Bolender (b. 1886 in Washington Township - d. 1957) and had two daughters, Dorothy Alys (b. 1914 - d. 1981) of Circleville, Ohio and Margaret Ann (b. 1919 - d. 19??) Of Zanesville, Ohio. Urlin's parents were William (b. 2 March 1857 - d. 16 January 1935) and Lucinda Cook Riegel, who were farmers living in the Cedar Hill area. Orrin H. Riegel and Lulu Riegel Runkle were his brother and sister.

For a number of years Urlin, a very large man, held the highly respected position of "weight master" at Eshelman Mill on East Mill Street in Circleville. Additionally, he owned a farm in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, which was formed by Ernie Barr.

Urlin holding his grandson, Charles, Dorothy, and Sadie Bolender Riegel.

Urlin was a master carpenter and had an extensive wood shop at the back of his home located at 454 North Court Street in Circleville. Three pieces of his craft survive, a red, white, and blue teeter-totter is owned by his grandson, Richard L. Gerhardt. A set of wooden saw horses is owned by another grandson, Charles Gerhardt. The last piece, a child's folding chair, was used by and is now owned by his great-grandson, Richard L. Gerhardt II and will be used by a great-great grandson, Ethan E. Gerhardt.

Sadie Bolender Riegel's parents were Isaac and Eliza Bolender. Sadie was a housewife all her life and during her later years suffered from a partial hearing loss. She was one of the first persons to use a battery-powered hearing aid. She is remembered in her family for using a candle style telephone, by holding the mouth piece to her face and the earpiece to her chest where the hearing aid receiver was concealed.

After Urlin died in 1944, Sadie sold the North Court Street home and moved to a new home in the 600 block on East Mound Street. (This house was demolished when Mound Street Elementary School was built.) A few years later, Sadie moved to 222 East Mound Street to be closer to her daughter, Dorothy and two grandsons who were living a few doors down the street at 232 East Mound Street. As this house was larger then she required, Sadie rented the 2nd floor and one of her tenants was Dr. Zaenglein, who was the band director for Circleville High School for a number of years. In the early 1950's Sadie purchased the vacant (Reber) lot (and ball field for the neighborhood) across the alley from her home, and built a new sandstone house where she lived until her death in 1957.

Margaret, the younger daughter, worked at Curtis Wright during World War II while her husband, Fred A. Tanner served in the European Theater with the United States Navy. After

Fred's discharge from the service, the family moved to Zanesville where she worked for General Electric. They had one son, Robert Allen, who was born in 1943.

Sadie's older daughter, Dorothy attended Circleville High School where she played 6-person basketball and during her senior year won the Kiwanis Key Award. In 1934, she married George E. Gerhardt, a young Circleville attorney (see herein Charles Gerhardt's biographical sketch for a Gerhardt family history). They lived at 232 East Mound Street and had two sons, Charles (b. 1938) and Richard L. (b. 1941). For many years Dorothy was a caseworker in the Pickaway County Welfare Office. Dorothy later moved to 1111 Atwater Avenue, Circleville. Upon retiring, Dorothy changed careers and became a teller at the Columbus High-Town Office ofBancOhio (now National City). In her later years, Dorothy, an avid bridge player enjoyed the game regularly with a number of friends including her cousin, Esther Riegel Thomas. Perhaps her greatest joy was having her five grandchildren (Mark, Beth, Matt, Kara, and Rich II) come for dinner and "overnights". Specialties served were "home cooked" Kentucky Fried Chicken and whole roasted capons (a special favorite). She seldom missed seeing her grandchildren's little league baseball and softball games. (for a more detailed Riegel family history, see the Isaac Riegel Family History of Fairfield County found in the Pickaway County Genealogical Library.)

- Submitted by Charles and Richard Gerhardt

GEORGE & ELIZA STEEL RIFFLE

George Riffle was born April 1862 in Pickaway County, Ohio to Sylvester and Arrila Jones Riffle. He was a farmer in Washington Township, Pickaway County. He died March 14, 1927 after an illness of about nine months with diabetes.

George married Eliza Ann Steel, the daughter of William and Mary Steel. She was born May 31, 1854 in Fairfield County, Ohio and died April 28, 1941 in Circleville, Ohio. She was a homemaker.

George and Eliza had six children. They are as follows:

Laura Riffle who was born in 1881. Laura moved to South Charleston, Ohio at the age of seven to live with the Ehnie family. She later married John Ehnie and died in 1948. Laura is buried in the Old South Charleston Cemetery with her husband.

Edward Sylvester Riffle was born March 1886 and died in November 1910. He was killed in a horse and buggy accident in Circleville. The accident happened on West Main St. and the railroad crossing.

Minnie May Riffle was born March 1899 and died November 1966. She married Charles Jewell. Charles was the son of John and Martha Cave Jewell. He was born June 1895 and died March 1992. They had two children.

Harry William Riffle was born March 1890 and died June 1960. He married Cora V. Justus in 1911. She was the daughter of Wesley and Dolly Grabill Justus. Harry and Cora had seven children. Harry was a farmer, dogcatcher and auxiliary deputy during his life. He liked the outdoor life, hunting and fishing.

Donald George Riffle was born November 1892 and died June 1958. He was married to Maude Tobenson. He was killed in a robbery in Xenia.

Murtle A. Riffle was born March 4, 1895 and died in May 1990. She married George Seall. George was the son of George and Mary Pontius Seall. George was born November 1898 and died December 1953. They raised six children six children. Murtle worked at Bingman's drug store.

George Eliza was buried at the Pontious Cemetery, Stoutsville Pike, and Pickaway County. This is where his parents and other family members are buried.

The Riffles were hard working people. They worked from sun up to sun down. George farmed the land while Eliza took care of the house, children, garden, cooking, cleaning and washing. They enjoyed the pleasure of the fruits of their labor.

-Submitted by Tom Riffle Ritchie

SYLVESTER RIFFLE

Sylvester Riffle was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1831, the son of Daniel and Martha Riffle. His parents later moved to Perry County, Ohio. Sylvester came to Pickaway County where he married Amelia Jones on January 15, 1854. Amelia was born about 1853. Sylvester was a farmer. He was known to be a good father.

To Sylvester and Amelia were born: James Martin, September 1854-1900. He married Lydia Bolender, born 1864-1949 to John and Susan Leist Bolender. Isabel was born about 1857 and married Ezra Davis, November 1880. Allice F. was born December 12, 1859 and died March 25, 1860; Martha A. Hester born August 16, 1860 and died October 22, 1862; Charles H. born may 1861 and died May 5, 1861. They are buried at Pontious Cemetery on Stoutsville Pike, Pickaway County, Ohio. George Edward was born April 1862-1927. He married Eliza Steel November 1885. She was born in 1854 and died in 1941, the daughter of William and Mary B. Steel. Luella was born 1865 and married Robert Paxton, the son of William and Mary Reed Paxton. He was born about 1865 and died in 1945.

After Amelia Jones Riffle died January 24, 1883, of a tumor on her side, Sylvester married Eliza Paxton. Eliza was born November 1861, the daughter of William and Mary Reed Paxton. Born to them were the following children: Maud Mary, born November 1883-1913. She married Charles V. Hedges (1873-1940). Rosa C. born August 1885-1948. She married Edward Ehnie November 1905. Arrila Besse born February 1887, and died July 4, 1970. She worked at Gallagher Drug Store and cooked for local people. Josie Ann was born April 1889-1945. She married William Kinser November 1909. He was born 1853-1945, the son of Samuel and Sadie Septer Kinser. Murtle May was born January 1891-1964. She married Scott Kinser in September. He was born 1883-1951, the son of Samuel and Sadie Septer Kinser. Bryan Sylvester was born August 1896. He married I. Edna Waits 1892-. He then married Sylvia Calvert Mace. Sylvia was born 1905-1927, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Ogle Calvert. Martha M. was born January 1898-1965. She married Lloyd Martin about 1919. He was born 1896-1980, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Martin.

Sylvester Riffle died July 1911. He had born a total of 13 children with two wives, 43 grandchildren and 73 known great grandchildren. Many of his descendents still live in Pickaway County.

In his later years he did not like to be around children. One grandchild told of his staring with his piercing blue eyes. At his funeral, the procession was of horse-drawn carts and wagons to Pontious Cemetery on Stoutsville Pike from the house on Rt. 56 and Tarlton Rd.

Little is known about Amelia or Aurilia Jones.

-Submitted by Larry Riffle

PAUL E. ROAN FAMILY

Paul Eugene Roan was born in Bellaire, Ohio on July 4, 1936. He is the son of Earl E. and Catherine Kaufman Roan. Earl was raised in Bellaire and Catherine was raised in Fostoria, Ohio. He is the oldest of three children; he has a sister Carole and brother Dan. His family resided in several areas before settling in Newcomerstown, Ohio, which is where he graduated from high school in 1954 and then went on to graduate from Carnegie Institute Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio as an X-ray technician.

Paul moved to Circleville, Ohio on May 18, 1955 to work for Berger Hospital as an x-ray and laboratory technician. He married Sue Carol Jones on January 27, 1956. Sue is the daughter of Arthur W. and Betty Jane Sees Jones who are natives of Coshocton, Ohio. She graduated from Coshocton High School in June 1955. She is the oldest of four children; she has a brother Tom and two sisters Linda and Judy.

Paul and Sue have three children; Cheri Ann born February 21, 1958. She married Dale Clay December 12, 1992. Cheri and her husband reside in Sunbury, Ohio. Kevin Eugene was born May 18, 1960 and married Christine Sykes March 9, 1980. They have two children, Ashley Nicole and Amber Danielle. Kevin and his family reside in Circleville. David Allen was born October 6, 1961 and married Tracy Mac Fadden June 27, 1987. They have two children, Devon Renee and Graham Davis. David and his family reside in Springfield, Ohio.

Paul became chief laboratory technician in 1965 and held the position until 1976. He went to work for Container Corporation in 1977 as environmental lab technician and retired from there on July 9, 1997.

Sue worked part-time jobs and was hired by the Pickaway County Board of Elections March 1976 as a part-time clerk. She became deputy director in September 1976. She moved into the director position in 1979 when Marvine McCoskey resigned and remained there until her retirement December 31, 1998. She was also a Democrat Precinct Committeeman from 1978 through 2006.

Paul was the last Circleville health commissioner. He was appointed health commissioner by Mayor Ben Gordon on April 15, 1964 and held the position until it was abolished and contracted to the Pickaway County Health Department in 1971. Paul ran as a write-in candidate for Fourth Ward Councilman in 1977; he needed 25 votes to win and lost by one vote. He ran for the Fourth Ward Councilman position again in 1977 and won—he held the position until 1983. Norma Graham resigned as city treasurer and Paul was appointed in 1984 unanimously by the Democrat Central Committee to fill the two years remaining in the unexpired term. He has been re-elected to the position thereafter and plans to retire from this position December 31, 2005. He has held the position for 21 years.

-Submitted by Sue Roan

JOHN F. ROBISON

John F. Robison was born in Madison County, Ohio September 15, 1850 to David E. Robison (born September 22, 1821, died July 20, 1902) and Jane Carr (born September 22, 1828, died March 19, 1906). David and Jane married on January 1, 1850 in Fayette County, Ohio. On November 1, 1877, John Robison married Elizabeth Ann Wilson in Madison County, Ohio. She was born December 19, 1854 in Madison County, Ohio and died April 2, 1894 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Elizabeth Ann Wilson was the daughter of Absalom Wilson and Elizabeth Alkire. In Madison County, Ohio on October 3, 1895, John F. married Margaret Denison, a daughter of William Denison and Emiline Ayers. She was born March 17, 1860 in Ohio and died March 8, 1922 in Pickaway County, Circleville, Ohio. John died July 18, 1935 in Madison County, Ohio and is buried with both of his wives and parents at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Madison County, Ohio.

Children of John F. and Elizabeth were Lorena, Alfa A., Jane, Maude and Hanna M. Lorena was born September 10, 1879 in Pickaway County, Ohio and died April 2, 1971. Lorena married Louis Mohr (born July 25, died January 3, 1953) son of Michael Mohr. Alfa A. was born March 24, 1882 in Pickaway County, Ohio and died in 1939. Alfa married on June 20, 1906 Owen N. Gardner (born March 30, 1879, died September 23, 1953) son of Thomas Gardner and Hannah Creath. Jane (Jennie) Robison was born December 9, 1884 and died August 26, 1970. She married Louis Vogel. Maude Robison was born January 11, 1888 and died January 17, 1970. She married on January 12, 1910, in Pickaway County, Jesse Earl Denison (born January 3, 1889 and died July 11, 1969) son of Henry Denison and Martha Keys. All are buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery except Jane and her Louis Vogel who are buried in Franklin County, Ohio.

Hannah M. was born June 27, 1892 and died February 18, 1977 in Pickaway County, Ohio. She married George Christian Schein on March 8, 1921 in Pickaway County, the son of Noah Schein and Eliza "Adelaide" Corkwell. George was born April 26, 1889 and died September 27, 1960 in Williamsport, Ohio. Their children were Betty Adelaide (stillborn September 4, 1922), Carl, Harold and Paul.

Hannah and George are buried with Noah and Eliza Schein at Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Ohio. Harold, Carl and Paul married and raised families in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Currently several children and grandchildren remain in Pickaway County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Kerwin Durflinger

WILLIAM ANTHONY ROBINSON

See biography on page 350.

T.E. RODGERS FAMILY

Thomas Edward Rodgers was born August 1875 and died August 1929. Grandson of William J. Rodgers, born in Ross County, Ohio and son of Calvin Rodgers and Mary Powell Rodgers. T.E. Rodgers married Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Malone, December 1896 and had two children—Russell Calvin "Bow" and Wealthy. Wealthy died as a child.

Russell Calvin Rodgers married Melissa Alice Rush in 1916 of Scioto Township. They had seven children: Margaret Elizabeth (Finch), Betty Alice (died at age 6), Kenneth Calvin "Tex," Russell (Junior), Robert Harvey (Bob), and Mary Ann (Berger/Carpenter). Surviving offspring: Margaret (Commercial Point, Ohio) Russell (Commercial Point) and Mary Ann (Chillicothe, Ohio).

T.E. and Molly Rodgers started a country store in Robtown, Ohio in 1904 that was open for business for over 42 years The store was run by Molly even after T.E.'s death/ a great-grandmother at 68, she would still get up at 6 a.m. to open the store.

Charles Keller was an assistant who helped T.E. and Molly take groceries and merchandise all around the community. At first it was a mule-drawn wagon and later with a Chevrolet truck. The miniature store on wheels carried everything from candy and peanut butter to work gloves and clotheslines. Meats and butter came out of an icebox at the rear and bulk goods were weighed out on scales suspended from the ceiling.

If people were short with money, they would trade chickens and eggs. The store supplied patent medicines, packaged and processed foods, sugar, beans and rice scooped from barrels behind the counter. Youngster would drop in for soft drinks, school supplies and ice cream cones. The hardware sideline supplied washtubs, files, buckets, nails, and all the items needed for mechanize farming. As time changed, so did the store. When the first gasoline powered vehicles came out, the Rodgers got a gas tank and dispensed the fuel in buckets at 10 cents a gallon.

In evenings, the store was a popular spot for locals to come and talk about community affairs. Molly would chuckle about all the "corn husked" on well-worn benches around the stove.

-Submitted by Betty Kulich

FRANK & MARY ROESE FAMILY

Frank Roese was born in South Bloomfield, Ohio on April 7, 1872, the son of John Henry and Mary W. Cullison of Germany. Frank had two brothers, George and Jesse and three sisters, Emma, Nellie and Carrie.

Frank and Mary Lucinda Buzzard were united in marriage on March 4, 1894 in Ashville, Ohio. There were ten children; George, Ira, Alexander, Sarah, John, Cleo, Emma, Lolita, Clara, and Bernice. Lolita died in infancy.

Frank and Mary Roese

Mary Lucinda Buzzard was the daughter of Alexander and Anna M. Stonerock. Mary was born in Darbyville, Ohio on July 13, 1875. She passed away January 16, 1962. Frank passed away on June 18, 1950. Both are buried in the Harrison Township Cemetery, South Bloomfield, Ohio.

Frank and Mary started housekeeping in Duvall, Ohio and then to Scioto Township, Pickaway County, on to Laurelville, Ohio. They then came back to South Bloomfield and purchased the old hotel where the stagecoaches used to stop. South Bloomfield, Ohio is where they called home.

Their children married and moved about and had families of their own. Cleo Roese who was born July 8, 1907 in Darbyville had married Harry Webster of Columbus, Ohio. To this marriage there were five children, Paul, Marvine, Marvin, Rose and Donald. Cleo later married Gerald Smith of Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Child #2, Marvine was a twin to child #3, Marvin. Marvine lived less than a month, Marvin married Virginia Lucille Donaldson, daughter of Donald Don Donaldson and Vera Grace Rathburn and to this marriage there were also five children: Donald, Cheryl, Virginia (Pidge), Pamela and Gerald. Donald (Butch) married Carol Cordle. They have two children: Donald (Joyce Hamilton), Twila (James Brady), and four grandchildren: Scott, Kayla, Nathaniel and Blaike. Cheryl (Cis) married Paul Everts, and later John Nicholson. Cheryl and Paul had three children: Marvin, Brian (Kelly Baker), and Paula, and four grandchildren: Ashley, Alec, Kody and Connor. Pidge never married. Pam married Charles Moody, and they had no children. Gerald married Susan Thompson and they have one daughter, April (Tye Gloyd) and one granddaughter, Taylor.

At on time Frank and Mary had a total of fifteen grandsons and two son-in-laws serving in the United States Armed Forces. They proudly displayed military ribbons in their windows.

Frank and Mary both loved life and they showed great love for their family and neighbors. There was no on in the village who didn't call them grandma and grandpa. Articles were written several times in the Clyde Michael column of the local papers recognizing these two outstanding citizens of South Bloomfield. As Clyde said in on of his articles, when they pass out crowns in heaven for honest, hard, sincere work and loyalty and faithfulness to their family, Mary and Frank will be the first ones to wear these crowns.

-Submitted by Pam Moody

ROLL FAMILY

Harley Roll was born August 14, 1874. Mary Rout was born March 1, 1880. They both grew up in the Walnut Valley area outside Hallsville, Ohio. They were married October 17, 1901 and began their lives as farmer, tenanting various farms in Ross and Pickaway Counties. They were living in Green Township, Ross County when their first children were born: twins Helen and Herbert (Dick), October 8, 1902. They lived and farmed near the site of the future DuPont plant outside Circleville, where a second son was born, Orland (Dude), September 6, 1904. A third son, John, was born October 31, 1911. They farmed in Jackson Township near Fox Post Office, Ohio for several years, living in the Hulse-Hayes house on State Route 56, now the Penguin Crossing Bed and Breakfast. They were there for the 1913 flood, when the floodwaters reached into the yard of the house. Helen remembered knitting washcloths in school in Jackson Township to send to soldiers in

The Roll Family about 1935. Standing, l-r: Helen Roll Strous (1902-1976), Herbert Roll (1902-1953), Orland Roll (1904-1965), John Roll (1911-1970). Seated: Mary Routt Roll (1880-1957), and Harley Roll (1974-1944).

World War I. She graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1921.

In 1923 the family bought and moved to a farm on Spangler Road in Salt Creek Township. They lived there the rest of their lives, buying other land along Spangler Road and farming other ground in Salt Creek Township.

Helen Roll married Noah Strous of Salt Creek Township in 1935. None of the brothers married. Their land is still farmed by Helen's son, Ned Strous, and his son, John Strous.

-Submitted by Allen Strous

ROOF

Remembering my Roofs

This is a story that started in Switzerland in 1816. Great-great grandfather Joseph Anthony Roof (1808-1894), at the age of almost 8 years, sailed to America from Amsterdam with his family, the Waltmires, and the family of his mother's brother, the Roofs. Upon arrival in Newcastle, Delaware, January 1, 1818, unfortunately only Joseph and three brothers had survived. It was the ship captain's responsibility to place orphaned children with homes and he did so. However, since the children could not speak the English language, they were parceled out to four different families who came to the port for this purpose: two in the name of Waltmire and two in the name of Roof. The boys served their apprenticeships and were released from their bondage to become free men. Joseph was a tradesman, having learned the leather trade near Hagerstown, Maryland. Shortly after he came of age, he married Christina Criglow (1807-1843) in 1829. From Maryland the family moved to Dayton, Ohio and thence to

L-R: Edward Roof Haines, Mattie Mae Roof Haines Clark, Russell Thomas Haines, Sarah Elizabeth Haines Barker. 1954

Columbus, Ohio. There, he studied under Professor Wilhelm Schmidt of the Lutheran Seminary and was the second pastor ordained in 1834 from the seminary, which later became part of Capital University. In 1834 he assisted in the organization of St. Paul Evangelical Church. His fourth child, my great grandfather Martin Luther Roof (1837-1920), served the Union during the Civil War as a corporal in the 114th O.V.I. It is said the soldiers of the 114th marched over 10,000 miles. Martin married his second wife, Sarah Cromley Fridley (1841-1922) after his return from the Civil War. To them were bon three children, one of which was my grandmother Mattie Mae Roof (1874-1955). Mattie was raised in Circleville, Ohio and in 1902 married Thomas Haines (1860-1925). This union brought forth three children: Russell Thomas (1904-1984), Sarah Elizabeth (1906-1979) and Edward Roof (1908-1963). Thomas Haines died in 1925 and Mattie married Amizon Clark (1872-1953) and they continued to live on a farm outside of Ashville, Ohio. My mother, Sarah, graduated from Ashville High School in 1925 and the Grant Hospital School of Nursing. In December of 1929, she married Dean Clairmont Barker (1907-1988) in Columbus, Ohio. This union brought forth one child: Eugene Clairmont Barker (1931-), the author of this brief remembrance of the Roof/Haines family of Pickaway County, Circleville, Ohio. I say "brief" only because with each of these unions and families there are many fascinating stories that should be remembered and retold. The Roof/Waltmire brothers did reunite after 24 years in America. But as the years go by we tend to lose the facts and then we forget. This story may give you a small stepping-stone into the history of Pickaway County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Eugene C. Barker

W. SCOTT ROOT

W. Scott Root was born just outside of Circleville, September 28, 1875. His parents, Chauncey and Mary B. (Clark), both natives of Pickaway County, were married on July 19, 1874. Their second child, Nellie, was born in 1876. At the age of 21, Mary suffered a brain hemorrhage while standing at the cook stove and died. She was buried in New Holland. The two children were then passed from one relative to another while growing up. Chauncey later married Rozilia Myers and they are buried at Prairie View Cemetery in Whisler. Scott's paternal grandparents were William and Martha (Madden) of Pickaway County. His maternal grandfather was Scott Clark. As a teenager, Scott acquired a lifelong interest in bicycles. At 16, his first bicycle was a 56-inch Columbia Ordinary. He later had a $26 Reading Raced bicycle custom-made in Syracuse, New York, which he raced many times at Swisher Park in Circleville. From 1896

W. Scott Root

through 1900, Scott was a rural mail carrier in the areas of Thatcher, Leistville and Tarlton driving a horse and wagon. At the same time, he opened a bicycle repair shop at 217 West Main Street in Circleville from 1898 through 1900. Also during this time he met the love of his life, Nora Ann Budd of Harlem, Ohio in Delaware County. They were married there on December 19, 1899. In 1901, while living in a log cabin on the southwest corner of Center Village and Harlem Roads, the first of their 11 children was born. In 1907 they purchased the home her ancestors had built in 1810 and lived in it ever after. Scott built and operated a cider mill at Tarlton from 1900 to 1904, then moved it to Harlem where he also built a sawmill and operated both from until 1945. In 1908 he learned how to drive a car and bought his first threshing machine. This was the beginning of his primary career as a thresherman for the farmers of Pickaway, Franklin and Delaware Counties, which continued until 1955. During his lifetime Scott owned 25 steam engines. He drove them between Pickaway and Delaware Counties spending three days traveling each way, always carrying a bicycle, a motorcycle or both with him on his rig. He made his own fire hydrant wrench so that he could access water in cities for the engines. In addition to these, he owned creameries, a blacksmith shop, and was a farmer and a mailman in Delaware County. When asked what his profession was, he always described himself as being a mechanic. In 1911 Scott spent $217 purchasing his first automobile, a 1909 Cadillac with one cylinder and right-hand drive. He retired in 1955. On February 14, 1957 Scott lost Nora. At age 90, Scott purchased a new $61 Western Flyer bicycle as he was still riding the countryside on a bicycle. The Columbus Dispatch, hearing of this, did a feature story on him. Scott joined the love of his life on August 10, 1971.

-Submitted by Sandy Andromeda

ABRAHAM ROSE

Abraham, son of Anthony and Mary (Woodring) Rose, was born on December 20, 1822 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He married Sarah Crum, believed to be the daughter of Thomas and Christena (Huffins) Crum, on March 6, 1853 in Pickaway County. She was born December 4, 1831 in this county. After his father's death in 1857, his siblings and mother moved to Indiana while Abraham remained on the family farm in Pickaway County, Madison Township. He purchased two additional properties. Twenty acres were purchased on November 1, 1862 from George Hensel and adjoined the family farm on the east. Forty acres were purchased on September 1, 1888 from Peter and Lavina Hall and adjoined the family farm on the west. Abraham was a Lutheran, a farmer, a Democrat and served as school director. Abraham died July 4, 1906 and Sarah died August 4, 1884, both in Madison Township. They are buried in the Lithopolis Cemetery in Bloom Township Fairfield County.

Their children were Calvin U. who was born November 23, 1853 and died April 19, 1909 in Pickaway County and married Sallie Elizabeth Griffith. William Jerome was born on March 27, 1857 and died on September 4, 1892 in Pickaway County and was unmarried. He and his brother Calvin remained on the family farm until their deaths. Elbert M. was born on March 6, 1860 and died April 7, 1916 in Canal Winchester, Ohio and was unmarried. All were born in Pickaway County and are buried in the Lithopolis Cemetery.

Calvin was the remaining Rose in Madison Township, He was a farmer and in 1906 was a trustee of Madison Township. His wife Sallie was

Rose Reunion. Decendants of Anthony and Mary (Woodring) Rose. c. 1900

Left: Abraham Rose, son of Anthony Rose. c. 1900

born August 17, 1861 and died on April 1, 1933 in Columbus, Ohio. They had three children: Claude Custer, an attorney who was born June 5, 1883 and married Harriet A. Peters. In 1910 Claude was in Washington D.C. and in 1920 in East Orange, New Jersey. By 1930 he was in Westchester County, New York. Lynn Curtis, an insurance salesman, was born February 16, 1886 and died on November 3, 1962 and married Miriam Edmondson. Lynn lived with his mother until her death. He is buried in the Lithopolis Cemetery in Fairfield County, Ohio. Earl Griffith was born on November 8, 1887. Earl left the area after 1910 and was in Washington D.C. in 1920. All were born in Pickaway County.

After Calvin's death, his wife and children moved to Columbus, Ohio. All of the Rose land in Madison Township was transferred to Calvin's descendants and was family-sold to William H. Crosby on January 26, 1920.

-Submitted by Carol Dolan

ANTHONY ROSE

Anthony Rose, a farmer and the son of John and Dorothy Rose, was born on July 25, 1792 probably in Pennsylvania. He married Marl "Polly" Woodring, daughter of Peter and Margaret Woodring, in Fairfield County on November 31, 1820. She was born June 20, 1790, probably in Frederick County, Maryland. In 1828 they came to Pickaway County with Anthony's father, living near Solomon Yates and Jacob Brobst. After his father's death in 1830, Anthony bought two tracts of land in Madison Township. The first tract, twenty-six acres, was purchased on August 11, 1932 from Jacob and Elizabeth Glick. It was located in the northwest quarter of section 24 about one mile west of Marcy on Marcy Road. It was sold on January 30, 1849 to Jesse Spangler, and the second tract, seventy-nine acres, was purchased from Reuben and Elisa Smith. It was located in the northwest quarter of section 25 on Harrisonburg-Fairfield Road about one mile west of Route 674. The Slate Run Historical Park now includes both properties. Anthony died September 27, 1857 and was buried in the Glick Brick Church Cemetery in Fairfield County, Bloom Township, Ohio. After his death, his wife moved to Indiana with several of their children where she died on October 25, 1880 in Nottingham Township, Wells County and is buried in the Stahl Cemetery.

Anthony and Polly Rose had seven children: William was born May 26, 1821 in Fairfield County and died January 26, 1903 in Noble County, Indiana. He first married Eliza Billman on April 9, 1846 in Pickaway County and after her death married Sophia Barr on March 1, 1860 in Noble County, Indiana. Abraham was born on December 20, 1822 in Fairfield County and died July 4, 1906 in Madison Township. He married Sarah Crum on March 6, 1853 in Pickaway County. Catherine was born on December 30, 1824 in Fairfield County and died December 2, 1897 in Wells County, Indiana. She married Josiah Weist November 19, 1848 in Pickaway County. Isaac was born on May 11, 1827 in Pickaway County and died June 28, 1895 in Kendall County, Illinois. He married Catherine Dundore September 10, 1850 in Wells County, Indiana. Peter was born December 18, 1828 in Pickaway County and died June 14, 1865 in the Civil War in Nashville, Tennessee. He married Mary Gottschalk on March 6, 1856 in Wells County, Indiana. John was born December 24, 1830 in Pickaway County and died June 24, 1904 in Wells County, Indiana. He married Rachel Teegardin on November 6, 1853 in Pickaway County. Samuel was born on May 15, 1833 in Pickaway County and died August 24, 1912 in Grundy County, Illinois. He married Sarah A. Weist on December 21, 1854 in Wells County, Indiana.

-Submitted by Margaret Rose Bond

JOHN ROSE

John and Dorothy (Dolly) Rose and their family came to Fairfield County, Ohio from Rockingham County, Virginia circa 1812, settling with other German-speaking families. They migrated to Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio between 1827 and 1828, living near Jacob Brobst and Peter Croninger. John Rose was born between 1765 and 1770 and Dolly was born between 1770 and 1774. It is believed they lived in Pennsylvania before moving to the Brocks Gap area of the Shenandoah Mountains in Rockingham County. They, along with others, left Virginia and came to Fairfield County, Ohio sometime before 1812.

It appears they had eight to ten children: Anthony was born on July 25, 1792 probably in Pennsylvania and died on September 27, 1857 in Pickaway County and married Mary (Polly) Woodring on November 31, 1820 in Fairfield County. Elizabeth was born circa September 15, 1794 and died circa December 31, 1847 in Clinton County, Ohio and married Charles Lemar on June 18, 1812 in Fairfield County. Jacob was born circa 1795. Mary was born between 1794 and 1800 and married Jacob Sirk on June 1, 1820 in Fairfield County. John was born between 1800 and 1804. Abraham was born circa 1805 in Rockingham County, Virginia and died on November 8, 1855 in Keokuk County, Iowa and married Sarah Leona Mooney on January 22, 1824 in Fairfield County. Solomon was born on March 11, 1811 in Rockingham County, Virginia and died May 18, 1882 in Saline County, Nebraska and married Eliza Bidlack on November 13, 1831 in Fairfield County. Isaac is an unconfirmed son. It is possible they had one other boy and one other girl, but the names are unknown.

In late 1830, John Rose passed away and the family began to move from the Pickaway-Fairfield County area. From 1832 to 1835 Dolly lived with her son Solomon in Fairfield County, Bloom Township. Her death date and location are unknown. During this same time period, it appears all but two of the Rose children moved to Clinton County, Chester Township, Ohio: Elizabeth (Rose) Lemar, Solomon Rose, Abraham Rose, John Rose (Junior), Isaac Rose and probably Mary (Rose) Sirk. Jacob Rose seems to have moved to Ottawa County, Ohio and Anthony Rose remained in Pickaway County, Madison Township, Ohio.

-Submitted by Donna Brandt

FRANKLIN M. ROWE FAMILY

Franklin M. Rowe, born 1841, served in the Civil War in Company K, 1st Ohio Infantry. He married Eliza Fleming, born in 1844. They were the parents of Ella, Alwelda, John, Grant, Eliza, Hattie and Seymour. They are buried in Jackson Township Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio.

John, born August 9, 1867, married Mary Eleanor Hane, born April 20, 1865. He worked for the Ice Company delivering ice to residents of Circleville by horse and wagon. He also served as the custodian of the United Brethren Church on East Main Street, Circleville. They were the parents of two children, Harry Vernon and Edith Leoda. Mary died November 9, 1933. John died April 11, 1951.

Edith Leoda Rowe, born June 23, 1892, married Frank J. Willis, born June 14, 1890. She was a telephone operator and later was a housekeeper for George Grandgirard, owner of Grandgirard's Drug Store and for Max Seifert, a local attorney. They had one child, Esther Mae, born September 21, 1910, in Ross County.

Esther Mae Willis married Frank William Hawkes, born February 28, 1902. She skipped one grade in elementary school when the superintendent came in the room and asked the class if anyone could spell "scissors." She did and moved one grade higher. She also worked in the principal's office during her high school years. He worked on the railroad and retired from Container Corporation of America after 42 years service. They had five children: Dolores, Jean, Phyllis Ann, Elliott Lee, Ronald Louis and Branson J. Esther Mae died February 12, 1970. Frank died November 28, 1984. They are buried in Jackson Township Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Dolores married Woodrow Carley, who was in the Air Force during World War II. They have one son, Dana Woodrow Carley.

Rowe Family. Mary and John Rowe sitting. Children Harry and Edith Rowe standing. c. 1905

Phyllis Hawkes worked for the ASC Office and retired from the Copco Paper Company in Columbus, Ohio.

Elliot married Marilyn Darlene Turner and they are the parents of Jo Carol, Dawn Lynette, Krista Renee, Elliott II and Judith Darlene.

Ronald was born September 28, 1940 in Circleville. He worked at the Circleville Herald and retired from General Electric after 37 years service. He served in the army during the Vietnam War with the 196th Aviation Chinook Helicopter Company. He married Audrey Lee Sabine in 1963. She was born February 14, 1942 in Circleville. She worked at DuPont and Pickaway County Title Department. They have one child, Rhonda Ronette.

Rhonda was born February 9, 1972. She was a field commander of the Circleville band for five years, two Jr. High and three Sr. high. She is a kindergarten teacher in Circleville. She married Rodney Allen Miner who was born December 31, 1964 in Ross County. He works for Able Construction Inc. in Frankfort, Ohio. They are the parents of two children: Cynthia Lynn and Crystal Isabella.

Branson was born January 31, 1949. He is a minister in the United Methodist Church. He married Melissa Willoughby, born January 1, 1950. They have three Children: Melena, Brian and Melanie.

-Submitted by Phyllis Hawkes

RUSH FAMILY

The Rush Family settled on a 4,000-acre Military Land Grant from the government, originally called the Buckley Woods Grand. The Rush family members were German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania, then migrated to Virginia and then to Ohio. There was a Richard Rush, a Philadelphia lawyer (1780-1859) who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Frances and Nancy (Greenwade) Rush were the first of the Rush family to settle here and his marker is in the Gulick Road Cemetery and lists his birth as 1788-1863. They had five sons and one daughter. John W. Rush (1820-1896) and William S. Rush (1845-1915) were the sons of Frances and Matilda Rush. They became landowners and farmed in the area. John H. Rush (1873-1951) the son of William S. Rush was the father of two daughters, Ursel and Melissa who married Russell Rodgers and two sons, William F. who married Blanch Redman in 1925 and John W. who married Marie Lambert.

Rushs or their heirs have always owned and lived on the farm, located on State Route 762, Orient, Ohio.

William F. acquired the farm in 1951 and passed it on to his two children, William H. and Jacquelyn Rush Writsel on his death. William H. built a house north of the main house on the farm and now his son, H. Joseph Rush lives there. William H.'s other son, Dean, lives in Virginia. Jacquelyn married Walter L. Writsel and they own land on Gulick Road along Big Darby Creek where they raised two sons, Jeffrey L. and jay B. who tills the farms where the first Rush settlers, Francis Rush, is buried. More of the Rush families are buried in Muhlenberg Township Cemetery (Darbyville), Pleasant Cemetery (Era), and Concord Cemeteries (State Route 665, Grove City).

Front Row: Blanche Redman Rush, Wm. F. Rush and Jeffrey L. Writsel. Back row: Jay B. Writsel, H. Joe Rush, and Jacquelyn Rush Writsel.

The Rush Homestead was renovated in 2002 and 2003. Jeffrey L. Writsel farms the farm and his son, Ryan J., lives in the brick homestead. Jeffrey L. and Jay B. (sons of Jacquelyn Rush Writsel) have always had a love for the land.

Jeffrey L. Writsel married Sheila Lintner and they have one son, Ryan J. and two daughters, Dawn and Kimberly (who is married to Robin Halley). Jay B. Writsel married Rebecca Shannon and born to them were daughter Michele and twins Stacey and Scott (Scott 1975-2002). Stacey is married to Ryan Sark.

-Submitted by Jacquelyn Writsel

SABINE FAMILY

Sabines were members of an ancient tribe that lived northeast of Rome. Ancestors of the Romans, the Sabines are famous because of a legend. According to the legend, no women lived in Rome when Romulus founded the city. He asked neighboring cities to allow Romans to choose wives from among their women. When the cities refused, Romulus invited all the surrounding people to attend a great festival. During the festival the Romans carried off young Sabine women by force. The Sabines went to war with the Romans, but the women persuaded the two tribes to stop fighting and unite as one nation. Some of the Sabines migrated from Rome to Ireland. Then the parents of Miles S. Sabine came to New York where he was born in 1818. He owned land in Marcellus, New York but later sold it and came to Pickaway County. He married Harriet Sarah McCoy February 20, 1841. She was born 1825. They were the parents of James, Miles T., Mary, Harriet C., John, Sarah, and Phebe.

Shannon Sabine and Gertrude (Thomas) Sabine

John, born in 1848, married Emily Moore in 1869. She was born March 2, 1854, and they had four children: William, Pearlie, Maggie and Myrtle. John's second wife, Rushia Ann Botkin, the daughter of Nelson and Jane Botkin, was born August 16, 1862, in Hocking County, Ohio. They were the parents of Shannon, Alvearoe, Elva, Effie, Edward, Ann, Nellie, Lena and Odie. Rushia died March 18, 1913.

Shannon, born May 13, 1881, married Gertrude Thomas September 25, 1902. She was born

February 17, 1884. Shannon worked and retired from Container Corporation in Circleville, Ohio. Their children were Elise May, Edna, Helen Leslie, Mary Alberta, John William, Henry Edward, Ruth Elizabeth, Catherine Luella, Virginia Mildred, Ellen and Ellis. Shannon died April 18, 1973. Gertrude died December 7, 1976.

Harry Edward, born May 16, 1910, married Louise McFarland August 24, 1931. She was born September 1, 1913. Harry Edward worked at Ed Wallace's bakery and retired from Container Corporation. He also did plumbing and electrical work. Their children were Thomas Denver and Audrey Lee. Louise died April 23, 1973. Harry died November 25, 1987.

Audrey Lee, born February 14, 1942, married Ronald Hawkes July 13, 1963. He was born September 28, 1940. He served with the 196th Aviation Chinook Helicopter Company during the Vietnam War. He worked for the *Circleville Herald* and retired from General Electric after 37 years. She worked for Dupont in Circleville, Ohio and retired from Pickaway County Title Department. They are active members of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Circleville. They have one child, Rhonda Ronette.

Rhonda, born February 9, 1972, married Rodney Allen Miner, August 7, 1993. He was born December 31, 1964 in Ross County, Ohio. He works for Able Construction Inc., in Frankfort, Ohio. She is a kindergarten teacher at Mound Street School in Circleville. They are the parents of Cynthia Lynn born July 25, 1997, and Crystal Isabella born February 5, 2002.

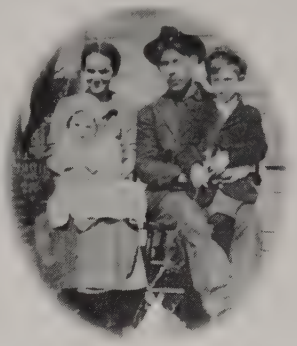
-Submitted by Judy Skidmore

VEARO & LAURA SABINE/ C.F. ZAENGLEIN FAMILY

In 1918 Laura Ross married Vearo Sabine. Both the Ross and Sabine families were longtime residents of Circleville, Ohio. Laura's father gave his daughter a home on Union Street to begin her life as a married woman. This home remains in the Sabine family. Vearo supported his family by working at the Strawboard, which was later renamed the Container Corporation. Laura stayed home to raise the couple's three sons: Albert, John and Charles and two daughters, Elsie Mae and Dorothy Elizabeth. In 1937, Vearo passed away. Laura was given Aid to Dependent Children amounting to $25 per month to help raise the five children. Laura passed away on December 20, 1970 at the age of 84. Vearo and Laura Sabine are both buried in Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery.

The couple's eldest son was named Albert. Albert, following in his father's footsteps, worked at the Container Corporation. Albert was an accomplished carpenter and worked on many houses in the Circleville area. Albert married Bea Griffey and their union produced two sons. Both sons were killed in separate automobile accidents. Albert passed away in 1992 and is buried in Forest Cemetery.

The Sabine's eldest daughter, Elsie Mae, married Basil Issac of Circleville. The Issacs later relocated to Kokomo, Indiana. Their marriage produced 10 children. Elsie passed away in 1984. Both she and her husband are buried in Kokomo Cemetery in Indiana. Her children and grandchildren return home to Pickaway County often.



John Sabine was a high school athlete and served during WWII. John married Marilyn Hedges and they had a son and daughter. John made his living working on the railroad and driving a Teays Valley school bus. Both John and Marilyn were very active in the Ashville community. John passed away in 1996. He and Marilyn were buried in South Bloomfield Cemetery. Dorothy Elizabeth married into the Zaenglein family in 1942. The Zaenglein name was well known in Circleville by the accomplishments of her father-in-law, Charles Franklin Zaenglein. C.F. Zaenglein was a remarkable Circlevillian who taught manual arts at Circleville High School from 1919 until 1949. He formed the first Circleville High School band in January 1931. Dorothy married his son Charles and their union produced four children. Charles served in WWII and made his living working in Columbus. Dorothy worked several years at Lazarus in Columbus. Charles passed away in 2000 and is buried in Darbyville Cemetery. Dorothy and all four children reside in Pickaway County in 2004.

The youngest child was Charles Edward. Charles was an outgoing, friendly man who served his country during the Korean War. He later was staff manager of the Prudential Insurance office on North Court Street. Charles married Betty Skinner and they had two sons. Both sons still reside in Pickaway County in 2004. A family member of Charles Sabine owns the Sabine Insurance Company on Main Street today. Charles passed away in 1986 and is buried in Forest Cemetery.

-Submitted by Deborah L. Roberts

SARK FAMILY

Claude James Sark (Hopper), born January 9, 1887 in Pickaway County, Ohio to John Harmon Sark and Anna Markwood was a farmer who worked the family farm located on Walnut Creek Pike in Section 17 of Walnut Township, Pickaway County. His father John had purchased the farm in 1892. No documentation has been located as to the age of the farmhouse, but Claude was five years old when the family moved into the farmhouse. By Claude's age, this proves that the house is 113 years old.

Claude married Stella Page, daughter of Charles Page and Mary Melissa McClintock. Claude and Stella had three children: Clara Gladys, George Page and Charles Richard. The Sark children were born and raised on the family farm.

Clara Gladys married Gayle Noble. They had one daughter, Vivien Lee, who married Edward Joseph Lawler. The Lawlers had one son; Edward Joseph Lawler Jr. Clara Gladys died August 13, 1977 in London, Ohio. Her husband worked for the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier. He died March 18, 1984 in London, Ohio.

George Page Sark served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. A ship he served on was hit three times. He was in the water for a long time before being rescued. George married Wavolene Mets. They had six children: George Emerson, Gerald Lee, Paul Dean, Linda Marlene, Michael Eugene and Ella Mae. George worked at the Pickaway Power plant and also for Ralph Franks, as an auto mechanic. He and Wavolene lived in the Ashville area most of their lives. George died March 27, 1986 in Doctor's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. His widow, Wavolene, died November 3, 2001 in Circleville, Ohio.

Charles Richard Sark (Sparky) served in the U.S. Army (1944 through 1946) with the Veterinary Detachment, in the 18th General Medical Lab. His job was to care for animals such as mice, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, monkeys, goats and sheep. These animals were used for testing of diseases, infections, etc. The laboratory was located in Hawaii. He returned to the family farm in October 1946 and farmed with his father. He bought his first tractor in 1949 from Groves & Rhodes located on West Main Street in Ashville, Ohio. It was a Farmall "H" and as of this writing, he still owns and uses it on the farm. Along with farming, he was also a television repairman, a school bus driver for Walnut Township, and later Teays Valley School District, and a Dupont employee. He farmed the homestead on Walnut Creek Pike from 1950 until 1987.

He married Wilma Maxine Robbins. They have two children: Martha Ann Sark and John Stephen Sark. Martha was married to Richard Barr. They had two children: Alan Michael Barr and Aaron Matthew Barr. John Stephen has not married.

The Sark Family farm since 1892. Picture taken Sept. 1995.

Charles and Wilma left the family farm in 1995 and moved to West Main Street, Ashville, Ohio. Charles still owns the family farm and enjoys going back to the farm at harvest time.

-Submitted by Charles R. Sark

CLAUDE & STELLA PAGE SARK

Claude (Hopper) James Sark, born 9 January 1887 in Pickaway County to John Sark and Anna Markwood, was a farmer who worked the family farm located on Walnut Creek Pike in Section 17 of Pickaway County. His father had purchased the farm in 1892. Claude was the eldest of six children. His brothers and sisters were Clara, John, Leonard, Howard and Guy.

Claude married Stella Page on 16 October 1913 in the M.E. Church. Stella was the daughter of Charles Page and Mary Melissa McClintoch. Claude and Stella's children were Clara, Gladys, George Page and Charles Richard. Their children were raised on the family farm. No documentation can be located as to the age of the home place, but Charles Sark believes it to be over 100 years old.

Clara Gladys married Gayle Noble. She attended Bliss College in Columbus, but chose homemaking as a career. She and Gayle had one daughter, Vivian Lee who married a Lawler. The Lawlers had two children. Clara Gladys died 13 August 1977 in London, Ohio. Her husband worked for the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier in London, Ohio.

George Page Sark, born 10 April 1917 in Walnut Township, served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. A ship he served on was hit three times by enemy fire. He was in the water for a long time before being rescued. He married Wavelene Metz on 28 July 1940. Their children were George Emerson, Paul, Linda, Ella Mae and Mike. George worked at the Pickaway Power Plant and also worked for Ralph Franks as an auto mechanic in Ashville, Ohio. He and Wavelene lived in the Ashville area most of their lives. George died on 27 March 1986 in Columbus, Ohio at Doctor's West Hospital.

Charles Richard (Sparky) Sark was a farmer, or as he describes himself, a "Plow Jockey." He farmed the homestead on Walnut Creek Pike from 1950 until 1987. He bought his first tractor from Groves and Rhodes Farmall in 1949. It was a Farmall "H" and as of the date of this writing, he still owns and uses it on the farm. Sparky did take time out from farming to serve in the U.S. Army with the veterinary detachment. He served with the 18th General Medical Laboratory. His job was to care for the animals such as mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, four monkeys, goats and sheep. These animals were used for testing of diseases, infections, etc. He served for two years in Hawaii. He returned to the family farm in October of 1946 and farmed there with his father. On April 2, 1949 he married Wilma Maxine Robbins in Greenup, Kentucky. They have two children, Martha Ann and John Steven Sark. Martha married Richard Barr and was later divorced. She has two children, Allen and Aaron Barr. John Steven has not married.

In 1996, Sparky and Wilma left the family farm and moved to 631 West Main Street in Ashville. Sparky continues to own the family farm on Walnut Creek Pike and rents the farmland and the home. He does, however, continue to go to the family farm occasionally just to feel the dirt on his hands!

-Submitted by Charles Sark

JOHN "CHRISTIAN" SCHEIN

Christian was born in Wurtemberg, Germany on August 28, 1831 and died September 14, 1896 in Pickaway County, Ohio. He married Magdalena (Lena) Finkbeiner in Fairfield County, Ohio on December 26, 1858. Lena was born in Baltimore, Maryland on May 3, 1837 and died May 13, 1920 also in Pickaway County where both are buried at Springlawn Cemetery. Christian established his career as a farmer and worked to build the family home place in 1868 and finished it in 1878. To this union was born Noah Lyman on June 3, 1863 in Ross County, Ohio and Emma was born on May 19, 1867 in Pickaway County, Ohio.

Emma married John W. Stewart on April 3, 1890 in Pickaway County. She died on January 7, 1935. John was born on March 6, 1863 and died on June 29, 1961. John was the son of Aaron Stewart and Tabitha Ater. Emma, John, Aaron and Tabitha are buried at Springlawn Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Carl, Harold and Paul Schein

Noah married Eliza "Adelaide" Corkwell on February 14, 1887 in Pickaway County, Ohio. She was a daughter of Sampson Corkwell and Harriet Clevenger born on February 18, 1864 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Noah died November 14, 1933 and Adelaide died on February 24, 1937 in Williamsport, Ohio. Noah spoke German, knew Latin, studied law on his own and wrote articles for a magazine. Noah, Adelaide, Sampson and Harriet are buried at Springlawn Cemetery.

Grace, George Christian and Lena were the children of Noah and Adelaide. Grace was born January 23, 1888 in Pickaway County, Ohio and died January 11, 1977 in Fayette County, Ohio. Lena was born October 11, 1891 and died June 22, 1967 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Grace and Lena never married. George Christian was born April 26, 1889 and died September 27, 1960 in Williamsport, Ohio. He married Hannah M. Robison on March 8, 1921 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Hannah was born on March 8, 1921 in Pickaway County, a daughter of John F. Robison and Elizabeth Wilson. She died on February 18, 1977 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Grace, Lena, George and Hannah are buried at Springlawn Cemetery.

George and Hannah had a daughter, Betty Adelaide who was stillborn on September 4, 1922 in Fayette County, Ohio. Their sons were Harold, Carl and Paul. All continued in the family tradition of farming. Harold married Mildred E. Deffenbaugh and raised two children, Missy and Craig. Carl married Norma Marie Hulse and raised four children, Chris, Mark, John and Jane. Paul married Mary Alice Puffinbarger and raised four children, David, Patty, Judy and Nancy. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren live in Pickaway County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Karen Schein

ROBERT & MARGARET HARSH SCHERER

Bob and Peggy Scherer moved to Circleville, Ohio in 1966. Both were raised on working farms. Peg's home was near Radnor, Delaware County, Ohio. Bob's home was a dairy farm at Haverhill, Scioto County, Ohio. Peg's parents were William and Mildred Kunze Harsh and she is the oldest of four children. Bob is the only child of Albert E. and Lois Scherer. Albert was a leading farmer, businessman and community leader. Lois was a teacher at a one-room school containing eight grades. She was Bob's teacher for five years.

Peg and Bob met at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Peg graduated in Home Economics and Bob in Agriculture. They were married on June 24, 1951 and began life together on the farm at Haverhill. Bob farmed and taught agriculture to World War II veterans. Bob joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1952 and following his commissioning, Peg joined him to live in Manassas, Virginia, Quantico Marine Base, and in Beaufort, South Carolina, Parris Island Recruit Depot. Bob spent three years on active duty and then moved to the Marine Corp Reserve. He retired from his military career as a lieutenant colonel in 1978.

In 1955 they returned to Ohio and Bob began a career with farm cooperatives. Peg continued as a full-time mother of their three sons, volunteer community leader and supporter of Bob's work. After successful years as chief executive officer of Landmark, Inc. and as executive vice president of Countrymark, Inc., Bob became president and CEO of the National Cooperative Business Association in Washington D.C. This position led to much worldwide travel for both of them. They spent seven years in Washington D.C. before returning in 1994 to their home in Circleville.

Their three sons graduated from Circleville High School and Ohio State University. Gary married Deborah Green of Circleville and they have three children, Christopher, Betsy and Abbey. Gary is a partner in the accounting firm of Balestra, Harr and Scherer in Circleville, Ohio. Deb is a registered nurse and a leader in community activities.

Mark married Lisa Leahy of Circleville and they, too, had three children. In 1987 they moved to Omaha, Nebraska. Mark was a lawyer for ten years before becoming an educator. Both Lisa and Mark earned Ph. Ds and are highly respected professors at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. Mark teaches history and Lisa teaches psychology. They suffered a devastating loss of their eldest son, Ben, in January 2004. Their other two sons, Eric and Philip, attend Omaha schools

Tom married Julie Kazmierczak of Circleville and they are both very active in the Circleville school system and community affairs. Julie teaches special education students in a Circleville elementary school and Tom is a CPA and compliance manager with Nationwide Insurance, Columbus, Ohio. They also have three children, Michael, Jennifer and Rebecca.

In 1994 the Scherers purchased the Stevenson farm on Commercial Point Road, Pickaway County, Ohio.

-Submitted by Margaret J. Scherer

JACOB WILLIAM SCHIESER FAMILY

Jacob William Schieser, the sixth child of Bonafacious Schieser and Christina (Trapp) Schieser, was born February 2, 1884 in Harrisburg, near Grove City, Madison County, Ohio. Jacob's father, Bonafacious Schieser, son of John and Mary Schieser was born in 1850 en route to Bremen, Germany, from where the family sailed for America. Jacob's mother, Christina (Trapp) Schieser, was born in 1856 in Bavaria and was the daughter of Joseph and Margaretha Trapp. Their son Jacob had five brothers: Anthony, John, Leo, George and Charles and six sisters: Julia, Clara, Mary, Christina, Ida and Margaret.

Jacob worked with his brothers and father on their farm on Richardson Road, Franklin County, Ohio. Later, his father, Bonafacious, bought two farms on Duvall Road, Madison Township, Pickaway County. Young Jacob attended school and passed the Boxwell Exam. Jacob worked as a tenant farmer and on November 28, 1912 married Blanche Esther Dum at Holy Cross Church in Columbus, Ohio. Before his marriage, Jacob picked 1,000 bushels of apples at Moody's Orchard so he and Blanch would have money to get married.

Blanche Esther Dum was born on September 1, 1893 in Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Her parents were William "Billy" Dum (1855-1925) and Mary "Ida" (Shoemaker) Dum (1868-1943). Blanche had three brothers: Oscar, Roy, Homer and one sister, Florence. They grew up on a farm at the corner of Fridley and Madison-Walnut Road in Madison Township. Blanche attended Madison Township School, which was located on what is now Slate Run Metro Park. Blanche's mother, Ida, was a great cook and would make twenty-five pies a week and enjoyed cooking for people. Blanche learned this skill as a young girl and she also enjoyed hosting dinners.

After Jacob and Blanche's marriage, they tenant farmed in Madison and Walnut Townships, Pickaway County, Ohio. They had three children, William Jacob (born February 5, 1914 and died November 6, 1916), Louise Frances (Leatherwood) who was born June 5, 1918 and died June 3, 1986, and Esther Mary (McBride) who was born July 5, 1928. In 1925 Jacob and Blanche purchased a farm on Ashville Pike, Harrison Township. Although this farm's land is still owned by a daughter, Esther McBride and grandson Edwin Leatherwood, it is under option to Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation, which may use a portion for a new intermodal freight transfer hub.

The Schieser Family about 1933. Blanche, Jacob and Louise, Esther (in front) Schieser.

Jacob, Blanche and their daughters worked hard on the farm. They raised cows, hogs, chickens, ducks and geese. Jacob farmed using horses until about 1945. In 1937 he purchased a steel-wheeled Farmall F20 tractor. He sometimes had to use the horses when conditions were wet to pull the tractor out of the mud or when the tractor broke down. Farm chores included planting and harvesting crops (corn and wheat), milking nine to twelve cows, gathering eggs, feeding and caring for animals, making butter, canning food grown on the farm and butchering. Eggs, butter, milk, cream, garden produce, dressed chickens and dressed rabbits were sources of income. The last threshing of wheat was in 1945. Blanche always cooked huge dinners for the workers to eat at noontime. The farm was almost completely self-sufficient. Early in their life the Schiesers shopped at the grocery store only once a month; however, in their later years, they shopped every two weeks.

Jacob Schieser died July 14, 1964 in Columbus. He was a farmer until he died. Blanche Schieser died January 1, 1972. Both Jacob and Blanche are interred at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

-Submitted by Susan Applegate

HEINRICH "HENRY" SLY/SCHLEICH

A pioneer of Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio

Heinrich "Henry" Sly/Schleich, a veteran of the War of 1812, was born June 8, 1767 and baptized the same year at Heidelberg Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, a son of J. Frederich Schleich and his wife Christina/ Christiana Philippina. Family tradition says J. Frederich was born circa 1735 in York, York County, Pennsylvania of German descent. He died in 1800 at Harper's Ferry, Jefferson County, Virginia (currently West Virginia) and is buried there, but only one of the family graves, that of daughter Mary Ann (Mary Jane) Schleich, who married Thomas Melvin has been found in the area.

Henry married 1793 in Berkeley County, Virginia (WV) Elizabeth Melvin Hall, born circa 1772 and died 28 February 1838. Elizabeth was born in Jefferson County, Virginia (WV) a daughter of Richard Hall and Sarah West. Both Henry and Elizabeth died on their farm, later called the Old Watson Farm, Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. *The History of Franklin and Pickaway Counties* by Williams Brothers says they first settled on land belonging to Anthony Hall, who was related to Henry's wife back in Virginia.

Henry and Elizabeth had the following children:

-Frederick Sly, born circa 1794, in Berkeley County, Virginia (WV), died before 1880.

-Henry Sly, Jr., born July 9, 1801 in Jefferson County, Virginia, died August 1, 1880 at his farm in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. On 4 December 1823 in Pickaway County he married Anna McCollister, daughter of Jacob and Margaret McCollister, also buried on the Old Watson Farm. Jacob McCollister was born circa 1779 and died 21 April 1844. Margaret, his wife, died 24 July 1842. In addition to Anna, Jacob and Margaret McCollister had children: John, Eliza, Polly, William who married Nancy Smith, Sarah, and Nelson who married Elizabeth Thompson and who are buried at Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. Henry, Jr. and Anna had the following children, all born in Pickaway County, Ohio:

-Katherine "Katie" Sly, married Frank Clark. She died after February 1935.

-Margaret Sly

-Martha Sly, married (1st)Wooley, (2nd)Hurt and (3rd)Moody.

-Mary Sly, died before 1880, married John P. Taylor.

-Elizabeth H. Sly, born September 22, 1824, died November 16, 1906, married Enos Stouffer. Elizabeth died in Fairfax, Atchinson County, Missouri and is buried at Pleasant Ridge there.

-John F. Sly, born February 22, 1828, died in Fairfax, Missouri.

-Jacob Sly, born circa 1834, died near Lick Run, Pickaway County, June 8, 1883. Married 29 December 1859 Pickaway County to Margaret Keyes. They are buried at Springlawn, Deercreek Township, Pickaway County.

-Francis "Frank" Sly, born August 1840, died 1884. Married Rebecca Regina Albright.

-Elizabeth "Betsy" Melvin Sly, born June 30, 1802 at Engle, Jefferson County, Virginia (WV) and died 3 February 1891 near Rockport, Atchison County, Missouri and is buried at Westboro in that county. She married James Hurst on January 23, 1824 in Pickaway County, Ohio.

-John F. Sly, born circa 1807, died before 1880, probably the John Sly residing in Monroe Township, Pickaway County, Ohio according to the 1840 census, page 220.

-Mary Sly, born 1810.

-Catherine Sly, born circa 1812.

This branch of our family has pretty much died out in Ohio, most went to Missouri in the early years, and some went from there to Sturgis, South Dakota, where one of Henry's descendents has been honored with induction into the Cowboy Hall of Fame for providing livestock for rodeos for many years.

Henry, Sr. had an older brother, Mathias Slyh who came to Franklin County, Ohio with his son Jacob and some other related families and is found there in the 1830 census. Mathias is my fourth great grandfather through my mother's family and we have been in Franklin County ever since.

I am the founder of the National Sly Family Association and have been collecting names of all spellings in the United States and Canada for about 30 years.

-Submitted by Rev. John R. Gray

HENRY WILLIAM SCHLEICH

Henry William Schleich was born June 7, 1862 in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, the son of William C. and Margaret (Work) Schleich. William and Margaret had six children: Emma Alice, Frank, Henry W., Joseph W., Albert E., and Alvy. Henry came to Williamsport, Ohio around 1870. He worked as a farmer until 1904 when he was elected sheriff of Pickaway County. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Martha Thompson and they reared five children: Fred, Mae, Edith, Samuel T., and Paul. His wife, Martha, was born in 1866 in Australia, the oldest daughter of Samuel and Agnes Thompson. Samuel Thompson was born in Ireland and Agnes was born in Scotland. They first immigrated to Australia before making Pickaway County their home.

Samuel Thompson Schleich was born April 6, 1893 in Williamsport. He joined the U.S. Navy during World War I. He married Gertrude Ellen Straley, daughter of Andrew and Mary Anna (White) Straley of Five Points, Ohio. Gertrude was born February 28, 1902 in Williamsport, Ohio. They had four children: Martha Ann (deceased), Doris Lee (deceased), Samuel Straley of Ashville and Henry Lincoln Scleich (deceased).

Doris Lee Schleich was born May 22, 1926 in Williamsport. She graduated from Williamsport High School. She married Gerald "Johnnie" Wayne Reynolds of Yellow Bud, Ohio on September 13, 1944. They lived in Williamsport and reared three daughters: Diana, Marsha and JAnne. Doris was employed at Orient State Institute as a rural mail carrier, at Dunlap's Massey Ferguson Dealership, Williamsport and as the Williamsport utility clerk. Doris was a member of the Sorosis Club. Johnnie was a lifelong employee of Dunlap's Massey Ferguson Dealership and owned Reynolds Insurance Agency. During World War II, Johnnie joined the U.S. Navy. They were members of the Williamsport United Methodist Church. Johnnie passed away August 1989 and Doris passed away August 1999. Both are buried in Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Ohio.

Their daughter Diana Morgan resides in Maryland and has four children: Jack, Michele, Sarah and Rebekah and nine grandchildren. Marsha married Roger Clark of Williamsport and has two sons: Todd, residing in Sacramento, California and Kyle with wife Erin (Barr) residing in Ashville, Ohio. JAnne married David Roese of Columbus and resides in Grove City, Ohio.

-Submitted by Erin Clark

SCHLEYER FAMILY

J.F. Schleyer and his parents Rosena (Gunther) Schleyer and stepfather George along with two brothers came to the United States from near Stuttgart, Germany via LeHavre, France in 1831. After a sixty-six-day voyage, they arrived in New York. They settled in Ross County, Chillicothe. Seven children were then born to George and Rosena. The parents and all of J.F.'s half brothers and sisters remained in Ross County. J.F. married Margaret Anna Schneider in 1844 in Ross County where he learned the moulder's trade. He later bought a farm in Huntington Township and labored there for five years. He decided that his children would receive a better education in Pickaway County and he sold the farm and moved to Circleville in 1863. He and Margaret were the parents of five sons: William, Henry, John, J. Frederick and Gustavus Adolphus.

Family of Johannes Friedrich Schleyer, wife Margaret Anna Schneider. Sons: J.F., Gustavus Adolphus, Henry, William, and John.

J.F. was engaged in several successful business ventures: a grocery, a dry goods establishment and the coal business. William, the oldest, married Canada native Julia Anna Owens in 1866 and was a Pickaway County sheriff during the building of the present courthouse in 1888 as well as a business owner. Julia Anna was from an Irish Catholic family and William J. converted to his wife's faith and was the only son who was not a Lutheran.

Their three children were William H., born in 1868, Margaret, born in 1869 and Cecelia, born in 1870. Cecelia married George Gregory Groom, a tailor, in 1907. They were the parents of two sons and a daughter, Ann, who died in infancy, George William, born in 1909 and Augustine Charles, born in 1910. Cecelia was the organist at St. Joseph's church and the organ there was dedicated to her by her son George William. Augustine and George were graduates of Xavier University. Augustine, "Gus," married Edna Ludwig of Chillicothe and they had one daughter, Diane Groom. George William never married. Cecelia lived to the age of 102. Margaret was married to Charles Augustine Smith, son of Joseph Smith, a prominent farmer in Pickaway County,

Henry, born in 1850 in Chillicothe, was associated with his father in the dry goods, grocery and coal businesses. Henry married Mary Feller and they were the parents of four daughters and a son. Henry was a community leader serving on city council. He died in 1918.

John was born in 1851, attended Capital University and was a Pickaway County persecutor. He never married.

J. Frederick was born in 1855 in Ross County and married Katherine Hutchinson in Hannibal, Missouri. He was a partner in the dry goods business Schleyer and Barrere. They had one daughter, Mary, who was the wife of longtime physician Clinton Stewart. Mary was educated in Berlin, Germany for training as a pianist. They had no children.

Gustavus Adolphus was born in 1857. He was a banker and was instrumental in the establishment of a library and its building (Memorial Hall). He was one of the founders of the local chapter of the BPOE. He married Emma Hartmeyer, the mother of his only child, Paul. Gustavus was well known for his many contributions to the community and for his support of his extended family that viewed him as the patriarch until his death. His wife died in 1885 after five years of marriage, leaving her young son without his mother. "Gus" then married her sister Martha (Nell) Hartmeyer who raised his son as her own. Gustavus died in 1928.

Mr. Schleyer embodied the hard-working, honest, community-minded ethic of his German brothers and ancestors. The Schleyers' many contributions to business, finance and commerce helped to make the Circleville community strong and prosperous.

-Submitted by Diane Saxton

WILLIAM FRANK & ELIZABETH SCHMIDT TOLBERT

Tolbert family records show variations in spelling the original English name—Talbot, Talbert, Talbart, Tolbert. Ancestors of William Frank Tolbert who lived in Circleville from 1842 through 1915 go back to the Netherlands where they moved from England near the end of the 16th century because of religious persecution of Protestants during the Tudor reign of Queen Anne. They made a settlement near Groningen in the north province, and this town "Tolbert" still bears their name.

When William Penn offered land to settlers to populate the acreage granted to him by the King of England, some Tolbert families came to

Pennsylvania from the Netherlands, which was being invaded. Some moved on to the Ohio territory when it was opened for settlement. Among these were William Tolbert and his wife who made a home near Circleville in 1838 and their son William Frank was born there. When William reached age ten, his father died in 1852 and later his mother remarried and moved the family to Illinois.

Remembering Circleville as his birthplace, William Frank at the age of 18 returned in 1860. He served in the army during the Civil War, enlisting on November 25, 1861 in Company D of the 53rd O.V.I. After the war he opened a machine shop in Circleville. When he was temporarily in charge of the city's fire department, he modernized the equipment that was totally inadequate. For his entire life, he was an active member of the Masonic organization. Later, he was a candidate for mayor of Circleville.

Back row, l-r: Will, Minnie, Harry and Frank. Front row: Ernest. Elizabeth, and Frank (father).

William H. Tolbert and Mrs. William H. Tolbert. (Mary Florence Young)

Known as Frank Tolbert, he married Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Jacob Schmidt, born in Germany. She came to Circleville in 1863 with two sisters. Roseann married William Palm, and Alice married Emmanuel Stout.

Five children of Frank and Elizabeth Tolbert include twin boys, Harry and Frank who later moved to Illinois near their grandmother; a daughter, Minola, married William Burgett, their children were Ada and Arthur; a son, Ernest L. married Kathie Hafner, who died, and Mae Olney. He was manager of the Esmeralda Canning Company, owned by the Smith family; and a fourth son, William H. who was an engineer with the Allis Chalmers Company, first in Lima and later in Columbus.

In 1901 William H. Tolbert married Mary Florence Young, daughter of George Clayton Young and Martha Elizabeth Drake, the daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth Valentine Drake. In 1917, Will was fatally injured at the Duval Crossing by the interurban electric rail car. Three years later, his wife, Mary was fatally injured by the automobile of a drunken driver as she was crossing Main Street to go to church.

Their four children include Martha Elizabeth (1903-1997) whose excellence in teaching 44 years in the schools of Circleville and Parma Heights was honored by the Jennings Scholars Award 1964-65. Florence (1905-1985) married Russell Evans; their daughter Marilyn married James Arledge. Their children are James Russell and Krista. William Frank Tolbert (1912-1971) who was a newspaper editor inducted posthumously into the West Virginia Press Association's Hall of Fame maintained at the West Virginia University School of Journalism in Morgantown. He married Virginia Albert Hurt and their sons are Edward Hurt and William F. Tolbert, Jr. Mary Ruth (1915-) currently a professor emeritus at Ohio State University who was inducted into the Columbus Senior Musicians Hall of Fame and lives in Pickaway Township.

Descendants now living in Pickaway County in the 21st century are Marilyn Evans (James) Arledge, son James R. who married Letisha Everman, children Dustin and Denise, and daughter, Krista who married Jeffrey Amann, children Jeffrey R. and Matthew.

-Submitted by Mary R. Talbert

RUTH SCHNEIDER

Teacher and Principal

Ruth Schneider, born January 27, 1911 in Bainbridge, Ohio, was one of the founders of Circleville's first kindergarten. Due to the pioneering efforts of Mrs. Schneider and community leaders Johnda Davis and Virginia Adkins, the kindergarten program was added to our school curriculum.

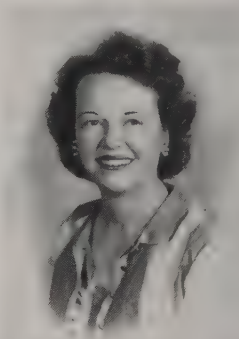
In 1947, a group of young mothers calling themselves the Circleville Kindergarten Association of which Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Adkins and Mrs. Davis were the elected officials, determined to establish a private kindergarten for local five-year-olds, as there was no public one available at the time. The three worked closely with Ohio State University, established their program and secured qualified teacher, Marjorie Bowman.

Although Miss Bowman and Virginia Perry of Chillicothe held the position as kindergarten teachers for three years before her, Mrs. Schneider was the first Circleville resident to teach kindergarten here, beginning in 1950 in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

That same year, the Board of Education of Circleville City Schools agreed to rent the Association a basement room at Franklin Street School. The room was painted and curtained with the help of Dr. and Mrs. William Rickey and furnished with toys, small furniture and a teacher's desk donated by C.J. Schneider Furniture, owned by Mrs. Schneider's husband Charles. Bake and other sales, bridge parties and tuition payments provided the income which kept the kindergarten operating until it was finally taken over in 1952 as a part of the regular curriculum by Circleville City schools.

Mrs. Schneider began her teaching career in the 1930s in a one-room school near Frankfort, Ohio called Dry Run School, teaching all eight grades. From there, she went to the Frankfort Elementary School and then to the Mount Logan School in Chillicothe from 1936 to 1942.

Once the Circleville kindergarten was firmly established, Mrs. Schneider resigned from teaching for two years, resuming her career in 1954 to continue until 1979.



Ruth Lightle Schneider Brown - 1950

Mrs. Schneider opened the Nicholas Drive School building in 1962 as principal and full-time sixth grade teacher at Nicholas Drive School. Mrs. Schneider estimated that she taught more than 1,600 Circleville boys and girls during her twenty-seven consecutive years as a teacher in Circleville.

Mrs. Schneider and her husband, Charles had two sons, C. Joseph, born September 12, 1943 and G. Bradford, born March 19, 1946. Mrs. Schneider, widowed in 1970, married Clinton "Tinks" Brown in 1980. Mr. Brown had been a high school beau of Mrs. Schneider when she was attending Frankfort High School and when she was still Ruth Lightle. At this writing, Mrs. Schneider-Brown is 94 years old and residing in Brown Memorial Nursing Home.

-Submitted by Elizabeth S. Chrismer

WILLIAM & MARY SEABURN FAMILY

The frontiersman, William Seaburn was a traveler. He first entered the Ohio Valley in 1779, then returned to Virginia to a rocky plain called Swan Ponds on the upper Potomac and married Mary Stip of Shepherdstown in 1792. They settled at Westfall, Ohio, 1804. This was the year of a large migration of settlers and merchants from the northern tip of Virginia who settled the west bank of the Scioto River.

William (born circa 1760) was a younger son of George and Betty Seaburn of Seaburn's Ford on the Shenandoah River, which was a settlement of merchant mariners dealing in timber and furs. Young George Washington recorded in his diary, 1748, that the point of origin of his first survey was at "Seaburn's Gate," there beginning the first road west of the Blue Ridge.

William's older brother Corporal John Seaburn of Shepherd's Riflemen was captured in 1776 while defending the escape of General Washington's Army from Manhattan. The British retaliated and executed the Shepherd's riflemen. An uprising then occurred in Shepherdstown and five Seaburns followed General George Rogers Clark west to Kentucky and Ohio. William, a boy, lived at Boone's Station. His brother Sergeant George Seaburn was killed in 1780 in the attack on the Shawnee of Mad River who had once lived at Kispoko (Westfall). Jacob Seaburn returned to join the Continental Cavalry and fought at the Battle of Cowpens.

In 1804 William and Mary, with sons John (2nd), George (3rd) and newborn Jacob (2nd), left Virginia and settled on land of Mary's brother Abraham Stip where the village of Westfall was platted. They joined the Methodist Class, Deercreek Circuit, and raised horses and cattle according to public records of 1806. William was made township overseer-of-the-poor. Some family members are buried at Westfall. William and Mary's tulip-poplar bed from the Shenandoah Valley survives. Mary Seaburn (1766-1839) is buried in Marion County.

Following the cold plague epidemic on the Scioto in the 1820s, the family scattered. George (3rd) Seaburn explored the west and settled in Kansas. Jacob (2nd) joined the exodus to Marion County, Ohio where he built Zion M.E. Church. John (2nd) Seaburn (1800-1860) remained in Jackson Township, Pickaway County and married Margaret Marsh. They had six children including George (4th) Seaburn who was killed in the Civil War, John (3rd) Seaburn who farmed with his brother, William M. (2nd) Seaburn (1829-1908) who married Jane White (1823-1892) daughter of Henry and Sarah (Ward) White of Lick Run, Jackson Township, Pickaway County.

Jane (White) had taught school in Jackson Township in the 1840s. William (2nd) owned livestock. In 1862 Jane Seaburn purchased at auction 70 acres of heavy timber and meadows for $18/acre, which was divided from an 800-plus-acre tract. Here, a two-story hewn-log house stood by the Yankeetown trail. This vicinity, know as "the barrens," was an open range of bur oak forest with tall grass undergrowth. The oaks were felled by two-man saw. Fences and barn were built and the house enlarged. William and Jane's two children were Cynthia and John (4th) Jacob Seaburn. They were members of Williamsport Methodist Episcopal Church.

John Jacob Seaburn (1862-1940) farmed briefly in Tennessee and Iowa then returned to Ohio to acquire the home place. In 1901 he married Florence Bowsher (1878-1952), daughter of Marcus and Alice (Hoagland) Bowsher. They had corresponded and she had learned to best him at checkers. They enlarged the farm and barn and then enlarged the old house. Florence Seaburn taught the adult Sunday school class for many years and was president of the WCTU and WSCS.

Their three children were William C. Seaburn (1903-1956), who owned a Columbus business and was in the U.S. Army G-2 WWII, Bertha G. Seaburn (1908-1994) who married Rev. Walter F. Knauff; their sons are Walter and J. Lowell Knauff and thirdly, John (5th) Jay Seaburn (1911-1991), the son of John and Florence who acquired the home place.

John (5th) Jay Seaburn married Dorothy Lutz in 1946, the daughter of Harley and Althea (Crago) Lutz of Salt Creek Township. Their son Stephen J. Seaburn married Connie Borcherding daughter of William and Ruth Borcherding of Cincinnati, Ohio and they reside in the original farmhouse with sons Kent Jacob and Paul William. They are also members of Williamsport United Methodist Church.

-Submitted by Steve Seaburn

O'NEIL SHANNON

O'Neil Shannon was born 24 August 1802 in Ireland. Jenette Blackwood was born 4 February 1807, the daughter of Robert Blackwood and Ellen Berry near Belfast, Ireland. They married in Ireland about 1822. No record has been found of their earlier life in Ireland. The family story is that Jenette married beneath her, socially.

They immigrated to Canada and landed at Prince Edward Island about 1830. They lived in Lower Canada until they moved to northern Pickaway County, Ohio in early 1837. They came with money and purchased 160 acres in Harrison Township, Pickaway County.

Neil farmed and loaned out money. Jenette had a large family to cook and clean for. Together they had 15 children, 12 of whom lived to adulthood.

Their children were Ellen, born 1825 in Ireland. She married John Loffer in 1847 and William McGarrity in 1860. Daniel/Benjamin was born in 1827 in Ireland. He married Christine Blevins. James was born in 1830 in Ireland and married Catharine English. Neil T. was born in 1832 in Ireland and died in the Civil War. Mary was born in 1834 in Lower Canada and married Enos Coon and John McGarrity. John was born in 1839 in Lower Canada and married Matilda Barns. Henry was born in 1837 in Fairfield County, Ohio and married Mary A. Miller. Jane was born in 1839 in Pickaway County and married John Wilson. William G. was born in 1841 in Pickaway County and married Eliza J. Gunnet. Joseph was born and died in Pickaway County in 1843. Hugh was born and died in Pickaway County in 1844. Daniel was born in 1846 in Pickaway County and married Rebecca McGarrity. Christina was born in 1848 in Pickaway County and married a Reed and Joseph Gunnett. Catharine Jenette was born in 1847 in Pickaway County and married Jesse Sands. Anna W. was born in 1851 and married Jacob B. Fisher.

Neil T., William, Henry and George fought in the Civil War. Neil was the only one who was killed in battle.

The Shannons had many grandchildren and great grandchildren from their sixteen children. There are still many in Pickaway County. The Shannons left wills to take care of their children and grandchildren. They planned and prepared throughout their lives.

When Neil died of kidney disease in 1882, he left an estate of over $1,500 with bequests of one dollar to five hundred dollars. Jenette continued building up her moneys and lands. She died October 1894. She left an estate of over $10,000. Her bequests ranged from 20 acres to 30 acres and from $500 to $2,000. She left money in trust for her daughter Ellen, who was mentally disabled at that time.

They are both buried at Lithopolis Cemetery with their sons, Neil T., Joseph and Hugh.

They came from Ireland to build a new life for their family. They did that and more. Their family grew and extended throughout the United States.

-Submitted by Bonnie Riffle

WILLIAM GEORGE SHANNON

William G. Shannon was born November 30, 1841 in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio to Neil and Jenette (Blackwood) Shannon. He was a farmer and served in the Civil War in the Illinois Cavalry (1861-1862). He was discharged due to a rupture disability. He enlisted again and served until the end of the war. He followed Sherman on the March to the Sea and back. He later received a pension for his military service. In 1899 it was raised from $8 to $10 a month.

William George Shannon on left and Eliza Gunnett Shannon on right

William was married February 28, 1871 to Eliza Jane Gunnett, daughter of Samuel and Matilda (Henderson) Gunnett. She was born April 2, 1849 in Jackson County, Ohio. They raised eight children: Jefferson A. Gunnett, Fanny Florence Shannon, born 1872, married William Elsworth Koch; Charles Rarey Shannon, born 1874, married Carrie Johnson; Benjamin Waite Shannon, born 1876, married Iva Davenport; Samuel George Shannon, born 1879, married Pearl Geherman; Catharine Jeanette Shannon, born 1863, married James Oakley Scott; Blanche Gertrude Shannon, born 1887, married Ralph H. Hoover; and Viola Matilda Shannon, born 1889, married Clarence B. Hines and Joe Morris.

William and Eliza enjoyed family activities. They especially enjoyed getting the entire family together and camping in a large tent along

Little Walnut Creek. They would camp for an entire week each year, fishing and enjoying each other's company.

Eliza lived a busy life of cooking and making a home for her family. She died April 17, 1916 at the age of 67. They lived on their farm north of Ashville, Ohio.

William died on their farm near Duvall, Ohio on November 1, 1929 at age 82. He left his estate to be shared among his children, or their heirs. Charles and Fanny had died previously. A grandchild's share was $500, excluding what they had borrowed. Most of the family had at one time or another borrowed money from William and Eliza. This was itemized in his will as a deduction from each heir's share.

-Submitted by Linda Mayberry Wunch

DODD-SHARRETT

Adam Dodd (1790) was born in Maine. He came to Ohio with his parents, William and Sara Asseta Dodd and settled in new Pickaway County around 1810-12. He married Eve Ware. To this union was born four children. One of these being Jeremiah (1822-1881) who married Mary Valentine (1822-1909), daughter of Jacob. They were married April 11, 1841 and had seven children. The oldest son, Albert Dodd (1848-1929) married Elizabeth McCabe (1851-1892) in 1867. To this union was born four children. Albert was a farmer and brewmaster. Three of his children remained in Pickaway County: Lida (Dodd) Albright, (John R.) (1872- 1921), Josie M. (Dodd) Moore (Charles) (1874-1962) and Elmer John Dodd (1877-1945) (Maude Senff). One of Josie's children. Dolly Moore Grubb lived on W. Water Street in

Circleville. Elmer served in the Army during the Spanish-American War in the Phillipines. Elmer and Maude had 6 children. They were: Creighton Merritt, Donald Delos, Ross Senff, Anna Elizabeth, Lula Mildred and Evon. Creighton Merritt was killed in a farm accident in 1910 at the age of 7. Maude (1884-1956) died in an auto accident on Route 33 N. After they were married (1902) they lived in western Pickaway County, then bought the home place on Morris Road. They also farmed the Ohio Wesleyan University farm with the round barn down the lane from their farm.

Donald Delos (1910-1987) (Mildred Ruggles) made the Army a career. They had three children.

Ross Senff (1907-1980) (Lila) was a farm agent for Soil Conservation out ofMarysville, Ohio. They had 2 daughters.

Evon (1924) (Herbert Howard) worked for Nationwide Insurance and lived in

Columbus. Their three sons were: Steve, Vaughan, and Keith. She now lives in Florida.

Two children remained in Pickaway County. Lula Mildred (1909-1954) married Dwight Hall. Richard and Delores (Hall) Mogan (Bernard) were their children.

Anna Elizabeth (1905-1965) married Harry Richard Sharrett (1905-1973) on April 10, 1927. They lived in Springfield, Ohio after business school. Harry worked for Hugo Bosco until 1942. They then moved to the Ohio Wesleyan University farm. They bought the home place and eventually moved there.

They had seven children: Merritt Jean (1928-1951) (Laura), Martin Richard (Trudy), Martha Ann Hohenstein (Carl), Ronald Marion (Stralson), William Thomas (Pat), Jon David (Norma) and Sharon Ann Hasson (Hasson).

The two oldest boys, Jean and Mart lived for a time with their Granddad and Grandmother Dodd on their farm.

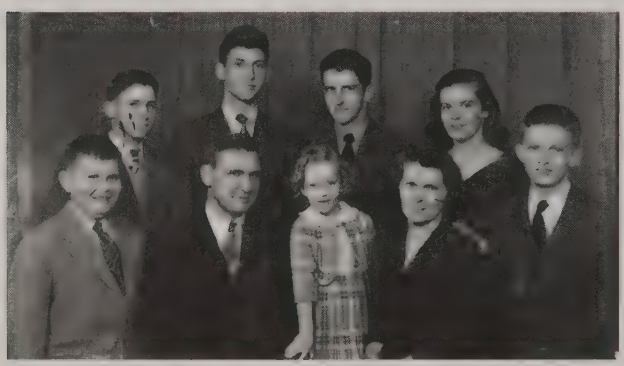
Jean was killed in a mid-air jet collision in May 1951. He was a member of the 1st Naval Jet Squadron.

Of this family, two still live in Pickaway County, Martin and Thomas whose gr-gr-gr grandfather was Adam Dodd. There are five gr-gr-gr-gr- grandchildren making their homes here: Trudy d'Lee Blankenship, Gayle Arlene Spangler (David), Stephanie Jean Robinson (Ted), Paul Richard Sharrett (Joy) and Tasha Leia Taylor (Jason). The fifth generation in the county are Nate Blankenship (Rachael), Jeff and Tim Robinson, Heather and Rachael Spangler, Sierra and Colton Taylor and Nicholas Sharett.

-Submitted by Martin R. Sharrett

SHAW

The Shaw brothers, Floyd and Lloyd, were born May 7, 1886 to Nelson and Phoebe (McClain) Shaw. Identical twins, both moved to Pickaway County, Ohio from Ross County, Ohio in 1912 and started farming in Walnut Township. Three years later, Lloyd established a farm near Yellowbud, Ohio and Floyd remained in Walnut Township. They were both married and starting families. Floyd married Bessie Mae Cutright, the daughter of George J. and Rosette (Stanhope) Cutright of Ross County where they farmed 500 acres and held over 2,000 acres of timber land. Lloyd married Olivia Stauffer, also of Ross County.



The Harry Sharrett Family, 1948. Front row, l-r: Jon David, Harry R. Sharon Ann, Anna E., and Wm. Thomas. Back row: Ronald M., Martin R., M. Jean, and Martha Ann.

Both twins started families in the county with Floyd and Bessie raising five children and Lloyd and Olivia nine. All remained in Ross County until the stock market crash of 1929, at which time Floyd left the farm and moved to Circleville. Lloyd remained on the farm and later moved to a farm in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County. Lloyd's children all remained in agriculture most of their lives.

W.G. Richards serving as Deputy Sheriff

Mary (Leist) Richards *Walter Richards*

Pictured is the wedding of Richard C. Shaw and Fairy L Richards. L-R: G. Robert Shaw, Pat McGinnis, Richard and Fairy, Edna McGinnis, Mrs. Bessie Shaw, Eleanor and Buck Hancher.

Celebrating 50 years of marriage: (L to R) Richard C. Shaw, Fairy (Richards) Shaw, Dennis V. Shaw, Fern (Richards) Congrove and Paul Congrove. Seated: Walter and Mary Richards.

Floyd and Bessie had two sons: Richard C. Shaw (April 4, 1927-April 18, 2000) and G. Robert Shaw (born April 22, 1930) and three daughters: Edna (Shaw) McGinnis (born August 18, 1918), Eleanor (Shaw) Hancher (born November 30, 1924), and Helen Shaw (born May 31, 1915).

Richard, the oldest son, lived in Circleville all of his life until his death in 2000. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. During his adult life, he was in management with Basic Construction and active in City Government Planning. Richard married Fairy Loreah Richards in 1948, the daughter of Walter and Mary (Leist) Richards of Washington Township. (Refer to Richards' biography.) Richard and Fairy had one son, Dennis Victor Shaw, born March 28, 1953. Dennis began practicing dentistry in Circleville in 1977. He married Deborah Ann Wiseman, daughter of Willard R. and Janice S. Wiseman in 1979. Dennis and Deborah have two children, Jennifer Renee (born July 15, 1982) and Joshua Patrick (born September 11, 1984). All reside in Circleville.

Floyd and Bessie's younger son, G. Robert married Norma Jean Barthelmas in 1949, the daughter of Harry and Clesta (Helwagen) Barthelmas. G. Robert and Jean were parents of three children: Bruce (August 25, 1954-July 21, 1998), Brooks (born July 20, 1956), and Kara (born September 20, 1963). Brooks and Kara reside in California.

Jean and Robert left Circleville when his career took him to Chillicothe, Ohio and Dayton, Ohio where he was vice president of operation for the National Management Association and later to the San Francisco Bay area with Lockheed where he retired in 1993.

They returned to Circleville for seven years to spend some time with their oldest son and their respective families. During that time, Robert was asked to establish a television station for government access.

Following the death of their son Bruce, the decided to return to California to be close to their children and five grandchildren.

Their youngest son, Brooks, is in government security for an aerospace contractor, Lockheed, and their daughter, Kara, is a vice president with Marsh McClennan Insurance.

In 1972 Robert retired from the U.S. Army at the rank of Major.

-Submitted by George Robert Shaw

JACOB SHEETS FAMILY

Jacob Sheets (March 17, 1796-September 5, 1834) married Mary (May 8, 1798-March 18, 1883) in Virginia, one son Jacob (December 9, 1816-November 21,1887). Mary signed the marriage band for Jacob and Margaret Backenstoe in Staunton; children Samuel, John, George, James and Sarah "Sally." By 1851, most of the Backenstoes had migrated to Washington Courthouse. Seeing no future in Virginia, Mary and Margaret also decided to relocate, stopping for a short time in Washington Courthouse, eventually locating in Muhlenberg Township where Jacob practiced blacksmithing and farming. He purchased several tracts and Lot# 50 in Darbyville. He dispensed lands to sons as they matured, eventually selling remaining holdings, as Mary was not coping with the harsh life.

Photo taken on porch at 406 E. Mound, 1904-1910. Back row: grandpa Harry S. Sheets, GGrandpa Samuel C. Sheets, Clarence Sheets, Alfred Probst, John J. Sheets. Second row: Grandma Ida Tatman Sheets, Mary Elizabeth Sheets, Margaret F. Sheets Probst, GGrandma Martha Ulm Sheets and Margaret J. Adams Sheets. First row: Homer J. Sheets, Gardner A. Sheets, Bessie M. Sheets, Joseph C. Sheets.

As children married and scattered, my great grandfather Samuel Chapman, he always used Chapman as his first name, moved his family to Stoutsville by 1880. He was a harness maker. He had married Martha Ulm in Chillicothe in 1874. Shortly after, my great, great grandfather Jacob relocated there, where Mary died. All then moved to Circleville where Chapman purchased property at 406 E. Mound. The house must have been larger then and in better condition to accommodate his extended family. Grandpa Harry, born in Circleville August 6, 1875, married Ida Tatman, September 22, 1896. Travel was not easy in 1896, so how did they meet? Grandma was born in Scioto County to Joseph Tatman whose mother was Ruhama Holt. Joseph had assisted her brother Andrew Jackson Holt obtaining Civil War disability benefits. Andrew then asked Joseph's family to help farm in Muhlenberg Township. Soon after, Andrew succumbed to war ailments. Joseph then moved to Circleville working as a teamster. Grandpa was a policeman, advancing to chief. In 1913 he was urged by existing Sheriff Radcliff to run for sheriff. He did and won. He won a second term ending in 1916. He moved his family and Aunt Sally to 121 West Franklin, the front part being the sheriff's residence and the back the jail. It was wise to bring Aunt Sally as the sheriff had to provide food etc. Guess who the cooks were! The older children helped out besides attending school. My father, Homer Jacob was the oldest, December 31, 1897, on the Circleville High School basketball team and eventually worked at the post office. One day when grandpa was away, prisoners had to be fed. Dad and brother Gardner carried supper to inmates, requiring gates to be unlocked. Returning for empty plates they suddenly discovered that someone had not locked up and the prisoners had just walked out. When Grandpa returned that night, he was not too happy, but strapped on his six-shooter and went hunting, returning the next day with all the prisoners. No problem because all understood the way Grandpa handled situations. Who was the culprit? Uncle George told me the story, indicating that Dad was the one. I would have guessed the rowdy one, Uncle Gardner. Hearing this, I was not about to ask Dad.

At about the end of Grandpa's last term, Grandma started making plans that everyone should move to Portsmouth. Joseph and her siblings born in Circleville had returned. One can understand loss of family, but open jail doors and cooking for the incarcerated were also in her thoughts.

Having known Grandma, she usually accomplished her plans.

-Submitted by John Sheets

SHELBY

Evan Shelby, Senior and his wife, Catherine, emigrated from Glamorganshire, Wales about 1735 and received a license to take up land July 4, 1735 in Franklin County, Pennsylvania near the modern cities of Mercersburgh and Gruncastle. At the end of the four years in Pennsylvania, they moved to Washington County, Maryland near Hagerstown. He first acquired

Richlands in 1739 consisting of 1,200 acres, later Maidens Choice, 1,000 acres, a total of 2,500 acres. He died in Maryland in 1750. Known sons of Evan, Sr. and Catherine Shelby: Evan, Jr., Moses, John, David, Rees, and Thomas.

Isaac Shelby Ludwig

David Shelby, the son of Evan, Sr. and Catherine Shelby is first heard of as a member of Colonel Henry Bouquet's expedition against

Pontiac, the Indian Chief, into the Ohio Country in 1764. When Colonel Bouquet made his report to Governor Sharpe of Maryland on the service of the colonial recruits, the first name on the list of privates was that of David Shelby. In 1781 the Hagerstown records name him as a Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania farmer who sells 100 acres of the "Resurvey". He was then thought to live at the site ofPerryopolis in the northern part of Fayette County. In 1789, he and his son, Jonathan, obtained a grant of 600 acres on Dunkard's Creek in Dunkard Township, Green County, Pennsylvania.

David Shelby, Jr. was the son of David Shelby, Sr. and Elizabeth Balla Shelby. David, Jr. was born June 5, 1765 at North Mountain, Maryland and died December 25, 1845 in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. His wife, Mary Williams, was born June 2, 1762 at Bedford or Franklin, Pennsylvania and died October 3, 1830 in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. David Shelby, Jr. and Mary Williams were married in Pennsylvania in 1782.

They were parents of six sons and four daughters. David and his wife Mary are buried in the Shelby Family Burial Plot on the Shelby Farm in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Charity Shelby was the daughter of David Shelby, Jr. and Mary Williams. Charity Shelby was married to Henry Morris, March 16, 1811 by Edward Mace, Justice of the Peace, in Circleville, Ohio. They were parents of six sons and three daughters, including Evaline Morris, born in Circleville in 1812 and died February 23, 1848. Charity Shelby Morris and husband Henry O. Morris are buried in the Morris Church Graveyard, Circleville, Ohio.

Evaline Morris was the daughter of Charity Shelby and Henry O. Morris. In November 1830 she was united in marriage to Jacob Ludwig, the son of Daniel Ludwig, a Revolutionary soldier. They were parents of seven sons and one daughter, including Isaac Shelby Ludwig, born September 21, 1834, died 1918. Evaline Morris Ludwig and Jacob Ludwig are buried in the Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio.

Isaac Shelby Ludwig and his wife, Charity Margert (Betz) Ludwig were residents of Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio and are buried in the Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery.

Their children were: Cora Evaline, born January 31, 1883, died August 26, 1964; Mary Myrtle; John Isaac, born 1895, died 1929 and Tina Mildred.

-Submitted by Jane Schneider

CHARLES EDISON SHELLHAMMER FAMILY

Charles Edison Shellhammer was born August 28, 1870, Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio to Jonas, born 1823 in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania and Margaret Wells, born 1830 in Ohio. Charles' father, Jonas, came to Pickaway County around 1847 and married Margaret Wells November 2, 1848 in Circleville, Ohio. Jonas was a farmer in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio and he and Margaret are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery, Pickaway County. There were three children born to Jonas and Margaret Shellhammer: Jonas T., born March 5, 1857 in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio; Margaret, born 1858 in Walnut Township; and Charles Edison, birth unknown who died February 9, 1908 and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville Ohio.

1932, Mound St. Shellhammer Trucks. Bill Essick, Clarence Essick, Ed and Vernon Shellhammer.

Charles married Emma Essick August 22, 1895 in Circleville Ohio. Emma was born November 29, 1869 in Circleville. Emma's parents were John Essick, born 1833 in Wurtemberg, Germany, died September 23, 1893 in Circleville, and Elizabeth Gruber, born 1832 in Wurtemberg, Germany and died July 21, 1906 in Circleville.

Charles and Emma had four children, all born in Circleville, Ohio. Marie, born unknown and died in 1898 in Circleville; Leola was born June 15, 1896 and died June 13, 1983 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio; Edison Charles was born September 17, 1899 and died June 3, 1960; Vernon William was born May 5, 1902 and died August 12, 1957. All are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Charles owned a saloon at 119 East Franklin Street and he built Emma a new house on Mound Street. He lost the house and saloon by gambling and they moved in with Emma's mother on Mound Street in Circleville. Emma had beautiful flowers and enjoyed working in her yard.

-Submitted by Kymberly Conrad

CARY TRIMBLE SHORT

Cary Trimble Short was born in Deerfield Township, Ross County, Ohio, June 6, 1870. He was the son of Mary and John Short. Barbara Metzger, daughter of Elizabeth and Charles Metzger, became his wife October 1, 1899. They were parents of Otis, Forrest, Harry, Rufus and Mary.

In 1900 because Cary needed more land for the horses, he bought a farm in Wayne Township, Pickaway County. This also became his home.

Mr. Short was the largest dealer of horses in Ohio. He sold more than 50,000 high-grade draft horses. It was not uncommon for him to have as many as 300 horses at his farm at one time.

His teams of horses were famous, and panoramic photos were taken as his horses were sent to the San Francisco Exposition as well as other well-known horse shows. One of these pictures is displayed at the Moore House in the Genealogical Library.

During World War I, Cary dealt exclusively with the United States government. Nearly five thousand horses were sold to the government for shipment abroad.

Mr. Short made friends everywhere. It was nothing to see horse traders coming from miles distant to his home farm to buy, sell or trade with him. He owned good farmland in Pickaway, Ross and Franklin Counties, Ohio. Cary owned a livery stable in Circleville and Columbus, Ohio where there was care of and boarding of horses as well as horses and vehicles being rented.

During the last three years of his life, he was out of the horse business and was in the real estate business; Mr. Short had an office in Columbus.

Otis took care of the draft horses and then became a lifetime farmer in New Holland, Ohio. Forrest was in the real estate business, auditor of Pickaway County for twelve years, and then became a trainer, driver and breeder of harness horses. Harry held the world's record for a boy harness driver at age 11. At one county fair, the band played "Oh You Kid" for Harry. When Harry finished school, he became a professional harness driver.

Rufus and Mary graduated from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Rufus had a responsible job with the Bell Telephone Company. Mary and her husband, Ben Keller, trained and raced harness horses; Mary was one of the first women to drive in races. One year at the Pickaway County Fair Mary, Forrest and a nephew, Carl Short, were all in the same race along with other drivers, and Mary won the race. Barbara, the mother, and wife of Cary, rode horses in horse shows when needed.

The Short farm has been in the family since 1900. Part of the farm, 330 acres, is owned by Forrest' daughters, Sara and Ann Short and Mary Claire Wilson.

-Submitted by Ann Short

FORREST SHORT FAMILY

Mary Claire (Short) Wilson was born November 7, 1944 to Forrest and Mary Short. She grew up in Circleville on Island Road with her sisters, Ann and Sara Short.

Mary Claire was a member of the first 4-H Riding Club and rode in the Ohio State Fair 4-H Class, placing third. She helped her father train harness horses at Scioto Downs, Columbus, Ohio in the summer. She was in the band at Jackson High School, Pickaway County, where she graduated in 1962. Mary Claire attended the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1966. She taught elementary school for 36 years. She married Larry L. Wilson on July 15, 1967. They have three sons—Ralph Forrest, Robert Thomas and Anton Scott Wilson. Mary and Larry have three grandchildren—Danielle, Nicholas and Noelle Wilson. She and her husband are both retired and living in Anthem, Arizona.

Ann Short was born August 22, 1934 in Pickaway County along with a twin sister, Sara, to Mary and Forrest Short. Ann was in 4-H for many years and took projects to the Pickaway County Fair. She graduated from Jackson Township High School and the University of Ohio Dominican, Columbus, Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in education.

Ann as a second grade teacher for 46 years at Jackson Township School, Pickaway County, and one year at the new Westfall Elementary School, Pickaway County for a total of 47 years of teaching. Ann was a charter member of the Westfall Education Association as well as serving as secretary and treasurer of the organization and was building representative for many years.

Ann taught Sunday school at St. Joseph's Church in Circleville for many years. She has also taught summer vacation Bible school for several years, which is conducted by all four churches on Mound Street.

Ann helped at the Pickaway County Fair by taking horse entries for the races for many years as well as clerk for the racing.

She was a charter member of the ladies horse group, the Sulky Sweeties, and treasurer of the club. She gives tours of the barn area each summer holiday at Scioto Downs on family day. The tour consists of taking tours to the barn area for talks given by the drivers or trainers and go to the blacksmith to watch and give children horseshoes.

She helped at the Pumpkin Show in Circleville in the fine arts building and has been a volunteer at the gift shop at Berger Hospital. She will begin tutoring adults in reading. Ann is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She is Eucharistic minister at St. Joseph's Church and helps with free dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas. She helps with adult education at St. Joseph.

Ann helped with their standard bred horses on the family farm and Dad's stable at Scioto downs. Ann and sisters Sara and Mary Claire own the two family farms.

Sara Short was born in Pickaway County, daughter of Mary and Forrest Short. She has a twin sister, Ann, and a younger sister, Mary Claire. Sara was in 4-H for many years. She was in the junior and senior class plays. Sara was captain of the class basketball team. She graduated from Jackson Township Hugh School and attended Ohio Dominican School and Columbus Business School.

Sara has worked for 50 years at United States Trotting Association in Columbus. She received a special award for her years working at USTA. Sara worked in *Hoof Beats*, a magazine about harness racing. She now works in the publicity Department.

Sara is a volunteer of Riverside Hospital, Columbus, Ohio and received a special award when she completed her 200 hours of service.

She was a charter member of the Sulky Sweeties and was publicity director. The members of this group volunteer to keep the food stand open for the drivers, trainers and grooms during the racing season at Scioto Downs. Sara is a tour guide at Scioto Downs on summer holidays. She takes groups to the barn area and the drivers talk to the group. The tour group visits the blacksmith and a horseshoe is given to those who stop. The group also visits the man who operates the starting gate. She helps answer questions from those in the tour group.

Sara shares the love of the horses from her father who was driver, trainer and breeder of standard bred and grandfather who was a big horse dealer. She helped on the family farm with the horses and also helped in her father's stable at Scioto Downs. Sara attends the Little Brown Jug, Delaware, Ohio yearly.

She does water color paintings and took classes in Grove City, Ohio. She won ribbons at the Pumpkin Show in the fine arts department. She helps at the Pickaway County Fair and takes horse entries and has been clerk for the harness racing at the fair for many years. She is an usher at St. Joseph's Church and helps with the free meals on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

-Submitted by Mary Clair Short

FORREST & MARY SHORT

Forrest Short was born June 24, 1894 in Ross County to Barbara Metzger and Cary Short. He served in the Army in World War I in the Calvary. A major requested that Forrest be his mounted orderly because he was known to be a good rider and the major needed help with his horse. Forrest served in the Army in the United States and France.

After Forrest finished Bliss Business College, he went into the real estate business. He was the auditor of Pick away County for twelve years. Then he became a harness horse trainer, driver, and breeder.

He married Mary Goeller who was a registered nurse. They had three daughters: Sara and Ann (twins) and Mary Claire.

As a harness driver, Forrest raced throughout Ohio, also Lexington, Kentucky, Washington, Pennsylvania and Batavia, New York.

His best season was in 1960. He had 160 starts with 46 wins, 35 seconds, and 23 thirds that earned a Universal Rating average of .358. This placed him 11th in the nation. That year he also was the leading driver at Scioto Downs, Columbus, Ohio. He was always among the leading drivers' list at Scioto Downs. He won the first race opening night at Scioto Downs.

In 1970 he was honored by the United States Trotting Association as driver of the year at the Ohio State Fair.

During the winter and spring seasons of 1958, Forrest trained Steamin Demon. That year, Steamin Demon was the world champion double gaited harness horse nationally.

Forrest set a new track record at the Ross County Fair, Chillicothe, Ohio, with Libby Knight on the trot. He set a new track record at the Pickaway County Fair, Circleville, Ohio with Jerry Way, and then in 1974 equaled the track record at the Pickaway County Fair with Jerry Mac Pherson.

Forrest was known as the "Gentleman of Harness Racing." His longevity in the harness world was legendary. At 81 years of age, he was a man of remarkable physical endurance and a competitive spirit. He was the oldest driver, trainer in Ohio and nationally.

Forrest was honored by the Circleville Jaycees when presented the Senior Citizen award for outstanding community service in 1966. He was a member of the Elks and American Legion for 50 years.

Sadly on July 25, 1975 Forrest lost his life in a racing accident at Scioto Downs at the age of 81.

Mary Goeller Short was born February 19, 1906 to Sarah Moore and William Goeller. She had six brothers: Joseph, Bernard, William, Charles, Donald and Robert.

Mary's grandparents on her mother's side came from County Mayo, Ireland. Her grandparents on her father's side came from Schlewig Holstein, Germany. One of Mary's grandmothers told her about a member of the family dying on the ship coming over to the United States

and had to be buried at sea. Mary's grandmother often told her stories about her life in

Ireland. She sang Mary Irish songs.

Mary's father worked in the family broom factory, which was one of the largest broom factories. Her Dad lost his life when some young people were shooting at the building where he was working and a bullet went through he building and killed him.

Mary graduated from Circleville High School and from Mt. Carmel Nursing School, Columbus, Ohio, as a registered nurse where she worked. She then came to Berger Hospital, Circleville and was one of the first registered nurses there.

She married Forrest Short. They had three daughters: Sara and Ann (twins) and Mary Claire.

For many years Mary volunteered at the Red Cross blood bank and was honored by the Red Cross for the many years she served.

She was a 4-H advisor for many years. This club was for those wanting to learn to cook. Mary was a member of the altar rosary society at St. Joseph Church, Circleville, where she attended and was a lifetime member.

She enjoyed her grandchildren. Mary joined a bowling team when she was in her 80's and bowled several years. Years later after breaking her hip, she was not able to bowl. She did oil painting and one painting is hanging in the family dining room.

She worked hard to grow a large pumpkin, which was on display at the Pumpkin Show one year.

She enjoyed trips to Florida at Christmas with her family, and enjoyed a trip to Hawaii.

When her husband, Forrest, died she took over the running of the farms and racehorse stable.

-Submitted by Ann Short and Dorothy Short

SIEVERTS FREEZER FRESH ICE CREAM

Born in Ekensund, Germany in 1902, Fritz Wilhelm Lorens Sieverts left Husum, Germany in 1927 to immigrate to the United States. Though the son of a bakery owner, he was a banker by profession, having been trained by an uncle in Heide, Germany. In 1927, he sold the coal he had gathered and saved to pay his way to Fremont, Ohio where he was sponsored (guaranteed work, housing and wages) by his Uncle Jens and Tante Meta Lorenzen. He found work in the ice cream parlors of his cousins, the Bahnsen's.

At the Swiss Hall in nearby Toledo, he met Anni Christina Kohlhoff, born on December 25, 1908, who had left her hometown of Wilster, Germany along with her parents, two sisters and brother. She worked as a housekeeper/cook for the Fioritto family in Ottowa Hills. They were married in Woodstock, Illinois where her parents operated a dairy farm with her mother's brother and wife, the Evers.

Deciding to leave Fremont and launch out on their own, Anni and Fritz drove south on Route 23 looking for a small town that did not have a

Sieverts Freezer Fresh Ice Cream

confectionary—luncheonette with homemade ice cream and candy. They settled on Circleville and moved to their first location on South Court Street, near what is now the city administration building. Quickly the patrons outgrew its space and it moved to 132 West Main Street in what is now the Aztec TV shop. Fritz made his own ice cream and peanut brittle, delivering orders for school parties and for hosts entertaining at home. Anni made soups and sandwiches.

His store was a favorite gathering place after football and basketball games. His son Walter and other high school boys sold ice cream sandwiches from their bicycle ice chests at the numerous factories and canneries in Circleville. In 1951, he sold the ice cream business, returning to his earlier profession as a banker at the Scioto Building and Loan, then located on West Main Street. He died in Circleville following a massive heart attack in 1959. Anne Sieverts married Col Wm, J.B. Cline in 1980 and died in 1983.

Surviving children are Barbara Sieverts Bevan and Walter Sieverts. Surviving grandchildren are Scott Sieverts and Kristin Sieverts Wright, Erik and Kohl Sudduth.

-Sumitted by Barbara Bevan

EDWARD SMITH FAMILY

Edward Smith was born in County Down, Ireland, September 19, 1826, to Patrick and Rose Anna Smith. While he was yet in infancy, the family immigrated to Toronto, Canada. A brother, Joseph, was born there in 1831. After their father, Patrick, died in 1832, their mother remarried and in June of 1840, the family of four came to Circleville and established a permanent home in their newly adopted country.

The two brothers learned the farming business from their successful stepfather, Bernard Riley and in 1851 went into partnership in the broomcorn business. This endeavor involved not just the growing and harvesting of the corn, but also the processing by which the corn was deseeded by machine, air dried, pressed and baled. It was then stored in the large warehouse on South Court Street, Circleville, Ohio just south of the railroad and from there shipped out to be manufactured into brooms and brushes in various parts of the country. They raised about one thousand acres of corn a year to supply this enterprise.

Edward Smith served for many years on the Circleville City Council and was president of council from 1878 to 1888. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Circleville and donated the land from Mound Street where the present day church sits.

In 1855 Edward married Sarah A. Lynch with whom he had seven children: Elizabeth, Joseph S., Edward E., James T. and three other daughters who died in infancy. The family home, which was built circa 1865, was situation on nine acres adjacent to South Court and Huston Street, Circleville.

Mr. Smith's three sons joined their father's broomcorn business after each graduated from Notre Dame University, South Bend Indiana. The family also started the Ohio Cereal Company, a milling operation on South Court Street, Circleville where the warehouse once stood, and later founded the Esmeralda Canning Company, specializing in sweet corn.

Residence of Edward Smith, Circleville, OH

Edward Smith died in 1899 and his wife, Sarah, in 1895. His son Joseph S. married Mary Corcoran of Corning, Ohio and they raised seven children: Mary, Edward, Elizabeth, Margaret, Paul, Louise and Rose. The family home is still standing, a large Victorian structure situated on Kingston Pike between Ohio Street and State Route 56. There are no descendants of Joseph's family living in this part of the state. The second son, Edward E., married Julia Corcoran, sister to Mary, and they had five children: Evangela, Robert, Eugene, Catherine and Fred. Catherine Smith Boggs is the sole survivor and lives with her family in Kingston, Ohio. The third son, James I. married Nellie Renick of South Bloomfield, Ohio. They were the parents of Regina, James I, Jr. and Felix (Phil). Two of their descendents, Daniel P. Smith, son of Phil, and Stephanie Smith Stewart, granddaughter of James I. Jr., live in Circleville with their families.

-Submitted by John Boggs

JOHN R. SMITH

In the summer of 1947, brothers William and John R Smith bought the B&M Market located on 124 East Main Street. The lived with their families over the grocery store. John R. Smith was married to a Pickaway County girl, Mabel Jane Good Smith. In 1949, John bought out his brother to become sole owner. The store later became Smith's Royal Blue Grocery. Some may remember the stamp books—you would get stamps for the amount of money of your groceries and then you would purchase merchandise with these stamps. John R. Smith was born and raised in Gahanna, Ohio. His brother, Howard, and his brother-in-law, Elmer (Clark) Miller, soon moved here to buy the Blue Ribbon Dairy. John and Mabel had three children: Juliann Smith Palm, Jane Smith Schneider and Paul W. Smith.

John R. Smith

-Submitted by Jane Smith Schneider

JOSEPH SMITH FAMILY

Joseph Smith was born in Toronto, Canada March 18, 1831, to Patrick and Rose (Quinn) Smith. Patrick and Rose immigrated to Canada from County Down, Ireland with her son, Edward, around 1829. A third son, Patrick, died in Canada. Patrick, the father, died in 1832, leaving Rose to care for their two young sons.

In 1836 Rose married Bernard Riley, also from Ireland. In 1838 the family moved to Lockport, New York. In 1840 they moved to Circleville, Ohio, where Riley farmed until his death in 1850. Edward and Joseph continued to farm and helped support their mother until her death in 1877.

Joseph and Edward became known to the community for raising broomcorn. From 1856 to 1859 Joseph rented the Ewing farm in Berne Township, Fairfield County. In December of 1856 he married Susan Bish, daughter of Martin and Magdalene Bish of Lancaster, Ohio. The Bishs immigrated from Alsace-Lorraine to Baltimore, Maryland around 1829 and then to Ohio around 1832.

In 1860 Joseph returned to Circleville with his family. He and his brother, Edward, formed the firm of E. & J.P. Smith through which they sold broomcorn—a grass whose long, stiff branches were used for making brooms and brushes.

Joseph and Susan Smith were the parents of ten children: Edward S. (1857-1887) married Sarah Nugent in 1883, Mary Magdalene (1859-1860), Francis C. (1862-1903) married Minnie Reiche, Cecelia (1864-1943) never married, Charles (1866-1946) married Margaret Schleyer in 1899, William (1868-1943) married Euphemia Fisher in 1898, Susan (1870-1884), Ann Elizabeth (1873-1898) was at the beginning of a promising singing career when she died, Joseph X. (1875-?) lived in Columbus, Ohio, Rose (1877-1898). Only Francis and Joseph had children of their own. Joseph, Susan and most of their immediate family are buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio.

Francis Smith married Minnie Reiche in 1892. She was born in 1868 in Waverly, Pike County, Ohio to Maurice F. and Elizabeth (Theobald) Reiche. Cletus Hamilton Smith was born to Francis and Minnie Smith on March 27, 1895. Francis died from paresis (partial motor paralysis) in 1903 and Minnie died from cancer in 1913.

Cletus (1895-1962) was an aerial photographer in the army during WWI. On August 18,1929, he married Rose Winifred Swedenberg in Lake Township, Berrien County, Michigan. Their first years were spent in Los Angeles, California, but eventually they returned in Columbus, Ohio. In 1939, Cletus and Rose with their sons, Charles, born 1935 and Donald, born in 1938, moved to a farm in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, which Cletus had inherited from his mother's family. Their daughter, Sandra was born in 1944 in Circleville, Ohio.

Joseph P. and Susan Bish Smith around 1900. Joseph raised broomcorn

Charles and Linda (Funk) Smith are the parents of two children, Steven Wayne and Nancy Annette (Smith) Pontious (1968-2002). Wyatt was born to Nancy and Jeff Pontious in 1997. Steven and his first wife, Tami Baker, have a son, Zachary, born in 1992. They divorced several years later. In 2002 Steven married Beth Ohnewehr. Their son, Ivan, was born in 2004. Donald and Joan (Bowdle) Smith have two children, Craig Douglas and Cheryl Ann. Craig married Laura Fay in 1987 and they have two children, Cameron born in 1989 and Brendon born in 1990. Cheryl married Pete Vorus in 1991. Sandra (Smith) Eitel has one daughter, Christina Marie Walls. Charles and Linda, Don and Joan, and Sandra and Robert live in Jackson Township, Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Craig Smith.

THOMAS BENJAMIN SMITH FAMILY

Thomas Benjamin was born in Meigs County, Ohio, the son of James A. and Mahala Barrett Smith. He married Susan Isabel Congrove and raised a large family near Adelphi. Their children were: William Vaughn (adopted), Martha Barrett (Charles Fellows), Cora Alice (Charlie Jinks), Nora Ellen (died young), Charles Henry (Rose Vincent), Alonzo (Muriel), Edgar Allen (Jessie Bierly), Millard B. (Alice Stevens), Wilkie Grover (Nevada ?), Ralph (died in infancy), Emerson Waldo (Laura and Dorothy), Ernest Franklin (Emma Whimer), and Joseph Marion (Thelma Johnston).

Thomas B. Smith & Family

Thomas' son, Charles Henry Smith moved to Pickaway County and married Rose Vincent (daughter of Fred and Emma Hunt Vincent). They had several children: Martha Fay "Suzie" (married Richard Schumacher), Charles Benjamin "Junior" Smith (Carolyn Sue Taylor and Nancy Cline), Dorothy Lorene (Edward Henry and Art Wilson) and Loy Henry Smith. Charles passed on the family secret of sausage and "cracklin" making to his son Charles B. "Red" Smith.

Charles "Red" Smith married Carolyn Sue Taylor, daughter of Erwin A. and Mary Purtee Taylor, of Worthington, Ohio. Erwin was a well-known graphic artist for NASA in his later years. Charles and Carolyn were blessed with four children: Marilyn Sue (Daniel Gleason), Timothy D. (Lisette Peterson), Marylou Taylor (Shaun Hill), and Matthew C. (Nicole Forlizzo).

Marilyn Smith Gleason is pursuing her bachelor's degree in education and is the mother of Tammi Sue. Tim is a registered nurse in a local hospital ER and is the father of Timi Louise, Tiffani Dyan and Amanda Nicole. Marylou and Shaun Hill are family business owners and are raising their sons, Nikolas and Hamilton Stone Hill in Circleville. Matthew and Nicole Smith are both succeeding in management with Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

-Submitted by Marylou Hill.

CLARA P. SOUTHWARD

Clara P. Southward, daughter of the Rev. John A. and Caroline Thomas Southward, was born October 19, 1868 on a farm in Monroe Township. Her family moved to Mt. Sterling where she attended school. She graduated from Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio in 1897. She was a soloist for the choir during her college career. Later this talent was used in her father's ministry. A small chapel organ was hauled from meeting to meeting on a spring wagon. Clara played the organ and led the singing.

Miss Southward became involved in social work in Circleville in 1912. She assisted her brother-in-law, Dr. George Colville, in the office and on home calls, serving as his aide. Dr. Colville died in 1922. In 1931, she became a

fulltime social worker for both the Circleville Benevolent Association and the Pickaway County Relief Office. She was of great assistance to Miss Charlotte Phelps, the first nurse hired by the Benevolent Association. Miss Southward had the patience, imagination and sense of humor she felt was necessary in helping people. She continued her work long after federal, county and city welfare took over.

Clara Southward

Miss Southward was a devout Presbyterian. A charter member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, she composed the club's song and each year for several years she added another verse to the song. She liked to write poetry and crochet rugs using her friends' old silk stockings. Crocheting was good for her arthritis and supplied her with the birthday and wedding gifts she gave. She kept in touch with many, many people by letters, Christmas and birthday cards. She often said, "I spend more for cards and postage than for clothing." Sick friends were the recipients of African violets she started from cuttings.

Miss Southward had a great interest in genealogy. For years she kept records for the Thomas-Van Buskirk family and organized and supported its family reunions.

Clara Southward died November 19, 1959, age 91 years and one month, truly a life well spent. She is buried beside her mother in Glen Forest Cemetery, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

In April 1976, a scholarship from the Business and Professional Women's Club was established in her honor for a Pickaway County senior girl who plans to further her formal education after graduation.

-Submitted by Pauline Clifton

RODGER L. & PATRICIA A. (FRAZIER) SOUTHWARD

Rodger Southward was born November 27, 1938 in Circleville, Ohio. His parents were Gladys Jane (Graham) and Herbert Southward. He had fours sisters: Beverly (Southward) Imboden, Shirley (Southward) Lake, Brenda (Southward) Kokai and Vicki (Southward) McConnell. Rodger grew up in Circleville, Ohio. He graduated from Circleville High School in 1956.

Pat Southward was born January 17, 1942 in Circleville, Ohio. Her parents were Orpha (Eveland) Frazier and Stanley P. Frazier. She had one sister Betty R. (Frazier) Dern. Pat was born while her parents lived in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, but she moved to Ashville, Ohio at the age of five following her father's death. She graduated from Ashville Harrison High School in 1960 as class valedictorian.

Rodger attended the Ohio State University, Columbus where he earned his bachelor's degree in education in 1963. He began teaching mathematics at Teays Valley High School in Ashville, Ohio. While teaching, he attended Ohio University, Athens where he earned his masters degree. In 1967 Rodger went to South-Western City District, Franklin County, where he continued to teach math at Franklin Heights High School. He was made math department head at Franklin Heights and then became assistant principal in charge of curriculum. After spending several years at Franklin Heights, he then became principal at Finland Middle School. He completed his career in education by teaching at Westland High School. Following his retirement in 1993 he worked for the Village of Ashville as a clerk treasurer. He also taught math at the Circleville Bible College and later worked for the Pickaway Housing Authority.

Rodger was quite active in many church and community activities. He attended Community United Methodist Church, Circleville, was active in the United Methodist Men, served as a Sunday school teacher, and was Sunday school superintendent. He was a member of the Community Men's Club in Ashville and a member of the Ashville Kiwanis Club. He served as lieutenant governor for Division 10S in 1994-95. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Community Men's Club in 2001. He served on the Tecumseh board of directors, was president of the Pickaway County Historical Society, was a member of the Ashville Civic Association and was involved in the Circle of Caring.

Pat Southward attended the Ohio State University where she earned her bachelor's degree in education in 1964 and her masters degree in guidance and counseling in 1967. Pat taught English and speech for three years at Teays Valley High School. She went to work in South-Western City School District in 1967 as an elementary guidance counselor. She continued her education and became certified as a school psychologist in 1969. She worked the remainder of her career as a school psychologist. She retired from South-Western City Schools in 1995. Between 1972 and 1975 she worked as a school psychologist in Circleville City Schools and was the first school psychologist hired in that school district. Following retirement from South-Western, Pat worked for the Pickaway County Educational Service Center as a school psychologist. While there, she worked in Westfall School District, Circleville City School District and Teays Valley School District.

Pat received several honors for her work in education. While working in Circleville in the 1970s, she received the Outstanding Young Educator Award from the Sertoma Club. In 1994 she received the Outstanding School Psychologist of Central Ohio award. The following year she received the Outstanding Ohio School Psychologist award. While working in Westfall School District in 1998, she received the Franklin B. Walter award for service to special needs children and their families.

Pat was a member of Community United Methodist Church. She served as a Sunday school teacher and as Sunday school superintendent. Pat was president of the Ashville Alumni Association twice and she was secretary of the Pickaway County Historical Society. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Delta Theta chapter, a women's educational sorority.

Rodger and Pat were married June 5, 1966 at Zion United Methodist Church in Ashville. They are the parents of three daughters: Nichol (Jamie) Shaner, born March 16, 1972, Teratia Southward born February 23, 1980 and Rebecca Southward born February 4, 1983. They are the grandparents of Nichol and Jamie's children: Cierra Shaner born March 11, 1999 and Garret Shaner born April 19, 2002.

Nichol graduated from Teays Valley High School in 1990 and received her bachelor's degree in education in 1995 from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. She married James (Jamie) E. Shaner on June 8, 1996 at Community United Methodist Church in Circleville, Ohio. She is currently teaching fourth grade at Ashville Elementary School in Ashville, Ohio. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta Rho chapter.

Teratia graduated from Teays Valley High school in 1998. She graduated from Capital University with a major in radio, TV, film and a minor in public relations in 2002. She is the banquet coordinator at Foxfire Golf Club. While in college she was a cheerleader and a member of Zeta Pi Lambda sorority. She is now a member of the Ashville Kiwanis Club.

Rebecca graduated from Teays Valley High School in 2001. Rebecca will graduate from Capital University in 2005 with a degree in education. Her major was early childhood education. She will also have her reading endorsement and will be certified in special education. Rebecca is a member of Zeta Pi Lambda sorority and the Ashville Kiwanis Club.

-Submitted by Rodger and Pat Southward.

SPEAKMAN FAMILY

Stephen Joseph Speakman and Mary Ann (Kerns) Speakman

Pictured are Stephen J. Speakman and Mary Ann Kerns Speakman. They married and lived in and around the southeastern part of Pickaway County, Ohio and northeastern Ross County, Ohio. The youngest child, Luther, was born in Hallsville, Ohio, in 1916 and the family was living and farming on Stumpf Road in Salt Creek Township in 1922 when Stephen passed away. Mary Ann continued to raise her family in Salt Creek Township until she resettled in Williamsport, Ohio, living there until her golden

years. She lived with her oldest son, Otis, in Circleville Township, Pickaway County until her death in 1949.

Stephen Joseph Speakman- 1859-1922, son of Ebenezser Speakman, mother's name unknown.

Mary Ann (Kerns) Speakman- 1871-1949, daughter of Henry Kerns and Julia Ann (Drake) Kerns

Children of Stephen J. and Mary Ann Kerns Speakman:

Blanche Speakman-infant, deceased.

Otis Speakman-1892-1952 married to Zelma Eaststep Speakman- 1905-1984. Children were Julia Ann, Dorothy (deceased), Leo, William, Olay, Myrtle, Luther (deceased) Roger and Larry.

Myrtle Mae Speakman-1896-1989 married to Albert Dane Wahl- 1894-1973. Children: Harry Dane (deceased), Charles E., Francis J., Clyde Willis, Judy and foster daughter, Mary Ann McNickel.

Speakman's Barber Shop, Ashville, OH 1955. L.J. (Red) Speakman, Owner

Speakman's Barber Shop, Ashville, OH 1955-1983. L. J (Red) Speakman, Owner.

Albert Speakman-1897-1918-World War I soldier killed in battle.

Ada Speakman Wilson- 1899-1972, married to Creighton Wilson-1901-1982. Children: Fern Louise, Helen (deceased), Florence, Mary (deceased), Betty, Creighton (deceased) and Patricia.

Edward Speakman-1901-1979, married to Lula Dorothy Young Speakman-1910-. Children: Milton Edward, Anabelle Mae and Gerald Dean.

Orley Speakman-1905-1973, married to Darlene Brittingham Speakman, 1913-1999. Children: Luther Stephen, Joyce M., JoAnn and Richard.

Beaman Speakman-1907-1991, married to Flota Ruth Davis Speakman-1910-1980. Children: Clyde Eugene, Paul Edward, Beatrice Irene and Linda Sue.

Foster L. Speakman-1910-1985, married to Dora E. Teets Speakman- 1915-1996. Children: James E. (deceased), Emerson (deceased), Danny (deceased), Everett L. (deceased), Betty Lou, Margaret E. and David C.

Viola Speakman- 1913-1931, spouse unknown. Children: Lula E. died at birth, 1931.

Luther James Speakman-1916-1983, married to Helen Mae (Peggy) Weethee Speakman-1922-1988. Children: Richard Eugene, Joyce Marilyn and Sandra Kay.

-Submitted by Sandra K. Speakman Smith.

SPEAKMAN-CREAMER FAMILY

William Speakman, born in 1650, was the father of seven, including Thomas. He died in 1706 in Reading, Bershire, England. Thomas, born 1690 in Reading, came to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1712. He and his wife, Anna, were the parents of six children. Their sixth child, Joshua, married Ann Miller in 1752 in Wilmington, Delaware. Joshua's first son, Ebenezer, had seven siblings.

Ebenezer, born in 1758, married Elizabeth Cox in 1783. The father of eight children, Ebenezer died between 1820 and 1830 in Harrison Township, Ross County, Ohio. Their second child, Joshua J. born in 1787, died in 1866 and was buried at Pike Run, Vinton County, Ohio. He married Mary Wychoff in 1812 and fathered eight children. Their third son, Ebenezer, born in 1820, married Margaret Strawser of Vinton County, Ohio. They produced eleven children.

David A. Speakman, born in 1842, was their eighth child and married Eliza Ann Kearns in 1866. They had ten children. David died in 1929 and is buried in Brown's Chapel in Clarksburg, Ohio. Wallace Newton was their fourth child, born October 25, 1874, and married Etta Ater. Wallace died in November 13, 1905 and is buried at Brown's Chapel.

Newton and Etta were the parents of Pearl and Earl Speakman. Pearl, born 1901, married Laney Satchel. They had one son before Laney died. Pearl later married Pauline Johnson and fathered three sons and one daughter. The family moved to Route 138 in Pickaway County, Ohio where Pearl farmed. Ken Speakman was the third child born in Pickaway County. Ken played basketball for the New Holland Bulldogs in Pickaway County, Ohio, was involved in school activities and helped on the farm. He graduated from New Holland High School and later worked in Columbus, Ohio. After the death of Pearl, the family moved to New Holland and Pauline took a position with the school. Ken began his career with The City Loan and Savings Co. in Circleville in 1961, attended Ohio University Chillicothe, Ohio and married Beverly Creamer in 1964.

Jean R. and Leoma Harness Creamer moved with their four children to Pickaway County in 1952, when Mr. Creamer became employed at Atlanta (Perry Township) High School as a social studies teacher and basketball coach. A successful career in coaching the Atlanta Red Raiders included one year in third place at the Pickaway County Tournament. One of his players, Harold Gearhart, was the recipient of the Bob Bowsher trophy. While teaching and living in New Holland, Creamer was the minister of the New Holland Church of Christ for fifteen years. He retired as principal at New Holland in 1972.

Beverly, their first child, was born in Green County and graduated from New Holland High School (Miami Trace). She attended Ohio University, Athens, Ohio and worked for National Cash Register Company in Washington Courthouse, Ohio. She married Ken Speakman in 1964 and they moved to Circleville.

In 1966 Ken was transferred to Columbus, Ohio. They moved to New Holland for the birth of their first daughter, Tracey, born in 1966 in Washington Courthouse. The family moved to Grove City, Ohio in 1967 to be closer to Ken's office. In 1968 another transfer brought the family back to Pickaway County where they built a house on Dunkel Road and still reside. Their second daughter, Andrea, was born in 1971. Tracey graduated from Circleville High School and Capital University, Columbus, Ohio and married Jeff Miller, son of Jerry and Nellie Miller, in 1989. They are the parents of Caleb, born 1991; Nick, born 1993; and Kendall, born 1997. Tracey teaches first grade at Pickaway School, Logan Elm School District, Pickaway County.

Andrea Speakman, a graduate of Circleville High School and Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, in 1993, teaches special education in the Teays Valley School District, Pickaway County. She married Christian Ward of Atlanta, Georgia in 1994. They are the parents of sons Carter, born in 1999 and Landon, born in 2003.

Ken worked for Citigroup for over thirty years, retiring in 1999. Bev worked for Ed Webb Bookkeeping for twenty-five years. They are active in Northridge Church of Christ, the Pickaway Historical and Genealogical Society (especially the Canal Committee), and other organizations. Ken is a commissioner of Pickaway County Park District. He continues to enjoy retirement and has many hobbies including growing giant pumpkins. He received several awards in 2004 for his 1,109-pound pumpkin.

-Submitted by Ken and Beverly Speakman

SPICER-DREISBACH FAMILY

The Spicer family in Pickaway County is descended from the line of Rev. John Dreisbach who brought his family here from Pennsylvania in 1831. These early Dreisbachs had 12 children. The seventh child, John Eyer Dreisbach married Mary Reedy and resided at the family farm in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County known as Lawndale Farm. They had three children: Clara, Clifton Reedy and Mina.

Clifton assumed the responsibility of the family farm on the death of his father in 1864. He and his wife Perlina Hitler Dreisbach raised their four sons, Marvin, John, Harry and Shirley to farm the land as they had done. When Clifton passed away in 1896 the farm was divided among his sons.

Due to the hard economic times of the Great Depression, Marvin lost his farm in 1936 and was forced to seek a new life in Circleville with his wife Claire Engle Dreisbach and their only

child, Eleanor Hitler Dreisbach. Marvin was elected county commissioner and later became superintendent of the Pickaway County State of Ohio Highway Department.

Claire passed away in 1943. Marvin lived the remainder of his life with his daughter and her husband Emerson Spicer, originally from Columbus, Ohio. Marvin passed away quietly at home on September 12, 1963.

During World War II, Emerson served in the Army Air Force as a material expediter. Among other duties, he worked on the Manhattan Bomb Project that eventually brought Japan to its knees.

Following his return to Circleville, in addition to his regular job at the Chillicothe Veterans Administration Hospital, Emerson bought and renovated a number of houses as rental property. He and Eleanor raised two children. Stephen Craig Spicer was born in 1946 and Anne Claire Spicer in 1949. Emerson passed away on January 1, 2002. Eleanor currently resides with her daughter in Chattanooga.

Both Stephen and Anne attended Ohio State University, Columbus in the 1960s and graduated with degrees in education. Steve is retired from teaching art and currently resides with his wife, Judy, in Circleville. He has two children: Brian and Amy. Anne and her two children-- Kimberly and Darren—now live in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

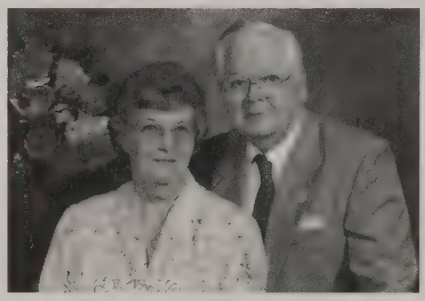
-Submitted by Steve Spicer

STANLEY & HELEN SPRING FAMILY

Stanley Edward and Helen Louise (Emerick) Spring came to Circleville in 1952 where he accepted a position at Circleville High School (later to be known as Everts Middle School) to teach metals, automotives, drafting and other subjects in their brand new industrial arts addition. They were wed on June 1, 1952 in Canton. Stanley earned his bachelor's degree at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio followed by graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Stanley was born September 17, 1924 and lived in Beach City, Wilmot and Strasburg all in Ohio. Helen was born October 21, 1927 and grew up in Emerickville and Brookville, Pennsylvania.

They had three children: Tom Edward (1955), Nancy Louise (1956), and Janet Lynn "Boo" (1959). They lived on South Court Street, Circleville, across from the high school and moved to Northridge Road in 1964. The family was active in Trinity Lutheran Church. Stanley was an aviation machinist's mate in the U.S. Navy in World War II and a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves. He helped to create the first industrial arts education safety program in the nation. In addition to teaching, Stanley worked at Home Specialties, a home improvement company. In 1970 he purchased the business and operated it until 2004. After retiring from teaching in 1979, Stanley traveled the world, visiting all seven continents. He died September 16, 2004.

Helen graduated from Brookville HS, Pennsylvania (1944) and Hannel Business University in Akron (1946). She worked for 12 years at Dupont as a secretary. She was the secretary/treasurer for Home Specialties. After retirement, she was a district coordinator for the AARP Tax-Aide program. She and Stan participated in the Lutheran Social Services Unaccompanied Minor Refugee Program from 1984 through 1995, during which time they parented seven foster children from Vietnam.



Helen and Stanley Spring

In 1980 Tom married Rita Lynn Ingman, a band director from Monroe Township, Pickaway County. Their children are Erin (1984) and Sarah (1990). The marriage dissolved in 2002.

Nancy married Brent Smith in 1978 and lived in South Bloomfield, Ohio before moving to Hocking County. They are parents of Timothy and Emily.

Janet married Stephen Graham of California in 1982 while they attended Ohio University, Athens and they live in Tiskilwa, Illinois. Their children are Helena, Esther, Yohanna, Martin, Charissa, Justin and Gabrien.

-Submitted by Helen Spring & Tom Spring

TOM & CHRISTINE SPRING FAMILY

Tom Edward Spring, a township administrator, and Christine Dietrichson Clark Williams, a librarian, were married on December 20, 2003, in Trinity Lutheran Church. Tom was born May 10, 1955, the son of Stanley and Helen Spring. Christine was born February 25, 1953, in Wilmington, Delaware, the daughter of Milton Spencer Clark and Henrietta Alma Dietrichson.

Tom and Christine Spring at the Pumpkin Show 2003

As a child, Christine lived in several locations in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan and Delaware. She married Michael John Williams of Medina, New York in 1976 and moved to Pulaski, New York. Michael earned a degree in paper science and engineering from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, New York. Christine came to Circleville in 1992 from Pittsfield, Massachusetts with her husband and sons Philip and Eric. Michael was paper machine superintendent at the Mead Corporation paper mill in Chillicothe, Ohio until his death in 1999. She earned two degrees from Syracuse University: a bachelor of science in nutrition and a master of library science. Christine was employed as a school librarian in New York State and at Chillicothe City Schools. She was president of the Pickaway County Friends of the Library, was children's choir director at Trinity Lutheran Church for eight years, and was co-director of the Pickaway County Cub Scout Day Camp in 1998 and 1999. She continues to be involved in Boy Scouts.

Tom received two degrees: a bachelor of arts in agriculture and a master of arts in public policy and management from the Ohio State University. Tom was a journalist at the *Chillicothe Gazette* and the *Circleville Herald*. He also chaired the Pickaway County Jail Committee and co-chaired, with Williamsport Mayor Eileen Easterday, the first campaign in Ohio to pass a sales tax on the first ballot for construction of a new county jail. An Eagle Scout, Tom has been active in Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting. He has served in a variety of capacities including district commissioner. He has been active on the Pickaway County Republican Central and Executive Committees and as a Pumpkin Show announcer. Tom has served as an American Red Cross chapter trustee and swimming instructor, chair of the Circleville Township Board of Zoning Appeals, vice president of the Pickaway

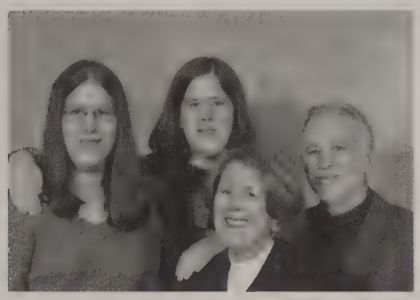
County Historical and Genealogical Society, and a founding trustee of Roundtown Conservancy. In 1996 he began serving as the first township administrator for the Township of Washington in Franklin, Delaware and Union Counties after 12 years at Ohio State University where he was managing editor of news services. At Washington Township he has led or served on several county and statewide professional organizations. Tom and Chris have been active with their children, Philip (1983) and Eric (1988) Williams and Erin (1984) and Sarah (1990) Spring in musical and Scouting activities.

Philip, also an Eagle Scout, is attending Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, majoring in biochemistry and piano performance. He has spent two years studying in Germany. Erin is attending Ohio University, Athens, Ohio majoring in music therapy.

-Submitted by Tom and Chris Spring

STEELY-WRIGHT FAMILY

James Harold Wright, born October 24, 1866, and Susan Dreisbach, born March 22, 1867, were married August 28, 1902. James died April 20, 1947, in Circleville and Susan died June 27, 1952 in Circleville. They are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Kingston. They were the parents of Amelia, born July 16, 1903 and her twin Thomas D.



Melody, Steve, Hannah and Amy Gussler.

Thomas Wright married Madge Rader and moved to Arizona. He died May 18, 1951. They had daughters, Susan and Sarah.

Amelia Wright married Marvin Steely on February 19, 1927. Marvin was born December 16, 1899, the son of George and Jessie Thomas Steely. George was born September 15, 1870 and died November 1953. Jesse died in 1964. Both are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

Marvin and Amelia Steely were the parents of George Harold, born May 30, 1928 in Pickaway County. Marvin was a farmer, was a long time member of the board of directors of The Savings Bank and a community leader. He died August 18, 1975. Amelia died January 4, 1996 and both are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ohio.

George Steely and Dorothy Jean Thomas were married July 19, 1950 and were the parents of Melody Lu, born May 8, 1954, Michael David, born May 3, 1958, and Susan, born and died May 29, 1952. George worked in auto salvage companies. Jean currently works in the law office of her daughter, Melody. Jean was the daughter of Lee R. and Lucinda J. Thomas.

Michael Steely worked in various county and city positions, was a deputy sheriff and common pleas court bailiff. He is not married.

Melody Steely married Stephen Stalter Gussler January 2, 1982 in Columbus, Ohio. Stephen was born December 8, 1940, the son of Vernon N. Gussler and June Stalter Gussler. Melody is an attorney, with her office located at 151 West Franklin Street, Circleville. Stephen is also an attorney, a partner in the firm of Margulis, Gussler, Hall & Hosterman of Ashville and Circleville. Melody and Stephen have children: Eric Thomas, born August 28, 1983, Hannah Jean and Amelia Elizabeth, twins, born December 30, 1986. Stephen has children, Suzanna, Stephanie and Stephen Danford, by a previous marriage.

-Submitted by Melody Steely

STEINS

A substantial brick hotel built in 1832 in the tiny village of Steinsville in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania still stands with its cornerstone bearing the names "John and Catherine Stein." Despite the inscription, Johannes and Catherina Ohl Stein were German speaking. John ran the hotel and they raised a family of twelve.

In 1822, John traveled via the Scioto River to Chillicothe, Ohio where he purchased land for his children in Pickaway County. The deeds bear the grantor name, James Madison, President of the United States.

John and Catherine continued their lives in Steinsville. However, beginning about 1830, one by one, their children moved to Ohio and established farms on the plots their father had purchased. Nine settled in Pickaway County, one in Fairfield County and one in Trumbull County. On most of the original "Stein" tracts still sits a beautiful old brick farmhouse. Much of the land remains in cultivation to this day.

In 1848 Catherine Stein died in Steinsville and John, then age 70, moved to Pickaway County to join his children.

John Stein Junior grew up in Pennsylvania, married Maria Salm and had three children. In 1836 his father conveyed land in Washington Township, Pickaway County, to him. After the birth of youngest son, Edwin, in 1842, the family moved to Ohio. The 1856 Kellogg map of Washington Township documents the land and the location of their house on the west side of now Route 188.

In 1842, shortly after the family's arrival in Pickaway County, John Junior died. In his hastily drawn German will, he left Maria "the right to live on the land...and the care of the house.... until the youngest child is of age" plus three cows and furniture. The remaining estate, including the farm, went to his three young children. The children soon were placed under guardianship. Their mother, "a lunatic," died in a sanitarium in 1853. Information available suggests that she may have been despondent over her husband's death.

Maria's grave and that of John Stein Senior, who lived until 1856, are still seen in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Washington Township. A poignant note written by his daughter years later records young Edwin's memory of the deaths of his mother and grandfather: " Papa says each of the funerals was at the little church there, and he remembers them, except his father, of course...They always had the burial with the service following."

In 1861 Edwin enlisted to fight in the Civil War. He was mustered on December 31, 1861 as one of the 54 privates with Company E of the 43rd Regiment of the Ohio Voluntary Infantry. He was with General Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea" and was a member of the "Lost Army." For a long time, this army lived on rice issued to its members "in the sheaf." He participated in battles as a drummer boy and fife player, part of the advance Color Guard. Eventually his musical talent passed to his descendants.

After the Civil War, Edwin returned to Pickaway County. A short announcement of his marriage appeared in the *Circleville Union* on October 20, 1865: "Married on the 12 h. inst. by Rev. J. Wagenhals, Mr. Edward [sic] Stein and Miss Kate F. Morgan of Walnut Township." Thus, in 1868, Edwin and his brother William sold the farm inherited from their father to their Uncle David Stein and moved with their wives and Edwin's in-laws to Garnett, Kansas.

Edwin Stein (with the white hat) and Abe Baughman. They were the last surviving members of Company E of the 43rd Regiment of the Ohio Voluntary Infantry

Kate and Edwin had 8 children. Edwin farmed and served two terms as the probate judge in Garnett. Dying in 1921, Edwin was one of the last two living members of his Civil War Company.

Roy Albert Stein was Edwin and Kate's youngest son. He worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad starting in 1903, first serving as telegrapher (where he earned the name "R.A."). He inherited his father's musical talent and played the clarinet in the town band in Larned, Kansas.

R.A.'s second son, Roy Keith, was a talented musician who played clarinet with the Chicago Symphony and became music professor at Michigan State University. He wrote the definitive instruction books for learning to play clarinet.

R.A.'s youngest son and the author's father, Edwin Eugene, played the flute in the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra as a teenager. He served as university dean of several fine arts schools and as president of the Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts.

The author and her siblings still preserve the fife and drumsticks that belonged to their great grandfather, Edwin Stein, who grew up in Pickaway County and served with Sherman's army in the Civil War.

-Submitted by Mary Leahy

CHARLES HOWARD STEINHAUSER

Charles Howard Steinhauser, the second son of Carl and Ruth Steinhauser, was born near the Pickaway-Ross County line outside of Clarksburg, Ohio, on September 9, 1926. Charles was raised on the Ater farm that his fourth-generation grandfather had received as payment for his service as a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

The oldest child in the Steinhauser family was Carl, Junior (known to friends and family as "Junior"), who was eighteen months older than Charles. "Junior" could not pronounce Charles's middle name, and came to call his brother "Hi", which became the name that most people used when speaking of, or to, Charles. The third child in the Steinhauser family was sister Rebecca ("Becky"), who was four years younger than Charles. A fourth child, Jenny, was born when Charles was nine years of age. Jenny's death at four years of age, after a sudden, serious illness, profoundly affected the entire family.

Charles Howard was named after his mother's brother, Charles Howard Smith, who lived on a farm on the northern side of Deer Creek, in Pickaway County. The Steinhauser-Ater farm was on the southern side of the creek, in Ross County. Charles's paternal grandfather was a hard-working farmer who worked his land with horses and mechanized equipment, too. His maternal grandfather was very creative, and invented the self-feeder for threshing machines.

Charles's father, Carl, was a farmer and served as Deerfield Township Trustee in Ross County for over twenty years. His mother, Ruth Katherine Smith Steinhauser, had a teaching certificate, but did not begin teaching until daughter Becky was in high school. Ruth served as an elementary teacher at Williamsport school for many years.

Charles attended Clarksburg Schools, performing well in the classroom and on various athletic fields, excelling in track, baseball, basketball, and football. Charles was seventeen years of age when he graduated from Clarksburg High School in 1944, at the height of World War II. He attempted to join the U.S. Marines immediately after graduation, but the Marine quota was filled at that time. Charles was assured by Marine recruiters that if he joined the Navy, he would be transferred to the Marines, which ultimately happened. Charles served in the Pacific theater in the war.

After discharge from the Marines, Charles enrolled in Ohio University, with the intent of pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine. However, the position of Postmaster of the Post Office in Clarksburg soon became available, so Charles applied for the job, and was appointed to the position with final approval by President Harry Truman in 1947. Pickaway and Ross counties would have one less veterinarian available, as Charles soon left Ohio University to begin his service as Postmaster. Charles was planning to become a rural mail carrier and farmer, but the rural carrier position did not become available, so Charles had to search for alternate means of support.

Charles H. Steinhauser

Charles met Vera Jane Rhoades, of Jackson Township in Pickaway County, when introduced by a mutual friend. They became engaged shortly thereafter, and were married on July 17, 1948, not long after Vera graduated from Jackson Township School. Charles and Vera tragically lost twin sons who were born prematurely, in 1949. The following year, in October of 1950, their daughter Suzanne was born. A son, Charles Brian, was born in November of 1953. After leaving the Post Office, Charles began a dairy farming operation, on a farm just outside of Atlanta, in western Pickaway County. However, within a year of beginning his dairy operation, a fire destroyed his barn and nearly all of his farm machinery. The Steinhauser's moved to Jackson Township in Pickaway County, living in a home built by Vera's father, Marvin Rhoades. Charles went to barber school, and shortly thereafter began business with George Myers at a shop near the Pickaway County Fairgrounds, in Circleville. Charles and Vera also welcomed the birth of two additional daughters; Karen, in October of 1956, and Elaine, in February of 1959.

After several years of barbering, with the inevitable countless hours of standing on hard floors, Charles began to feel the effects of knee injuries suffered while playing football in school. He began looking for a different line of work, and ultimately found employment as a salesman for Olin-Mathieson Chemical Company, selling farm fertilizer. Charles also decided to seek election as Clerk of Jackson Township. He was elected, and served over twenty years as Township Clerk or Trustee.

Charles eventually found a better employment opportunity as regional sales manager for Golden Harvest Seed Company. He enjoyed being connected to agriculture, and continued to maintain a "hobby farm", raising just enough cattle or hogs to occasionally pay for such things as college tuition costs.

Charles and Vera's children attended Jackson Elementary School, and then Westfall High School. Suzanne was active as a cheerleader and as a member of the high school band at Westfall, graduating in 1968, and then attending Capital University, graduating with a degree in Education in 1972. At Capital, Suzanne met her future husband, Jeff Souers, also ultimately a teacher, and a high school football coach. Jeff had several coaching positions, including serving as head coach at Waynedale, Maple Heights, Dover, and Triway High Schools. Suzanne was able to acquire teaching positions as Jeff took advantage of new coaching opportunities throughout northeast Ohio. Jeff and Suzanne had two children, Zachary and Gretchen.

Charles Brian ("Chuck") was active in sports and the high school band, graduating from Westfall in 1972. He attended Ohio State University, and began working at the DuPont plant in Circleville, Ohio, in 1978. While at DuPont, Chuck met his future wife, Cathy Sill, who was working at DuPont as a temporary employee, while she was on summer vacation from her studies at the University of Dayton, where she was studying Home Economics. Cathy began a career of teaching Family and Consumer Sciences in the Circleville School system, and also the Pickaway-Ross Vocational System. Chuck and Cathy had two children, Karl and Katrina.

Karen ("Kelly") was also active in sports and the high school band at Westfall, graduating in 1974. She attended Ohio State University, graduating with a degree in Recreational Therapy. Kelly accepted a position as a Recreational Therapist at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Chillicothe, a position that she enjoyed and held for some time.

Charles and Vera's youngest child, Elaine, followed the path of her sisters and brother by being active in sports and the high school band at Westfall. Elaine attended Ohio State University, where she met her future husband, Mark Johnston. Elaine pursued teaching as a career after graduating at Ohio State, while Mark used his degree in Electrical Engineering to take advantage of opportunities to live with his family in Florida, England, Germany, Colorado, and Alabama while working for Harris Industries, and Lockheed Corporation as a defense contractor, working on such projects as the "Star Wars" Strategic Defense Initiative program. Mark and Elaine had two children, Bryce, and Reece.

Charles loved to travel with Vera to Cleveland, Dover, or Wooster to visit his grandchildren Zach and Gretchen,- watching them participate in baseball, softball, football, cheerleading, swimming, music and numerous other activities. He also loved taking the short drive to Circleville to see Karl and Katrina participate in golf, basketball, gymnastics, tennis, volleyball, band and other events. He enjoyed traveling to Germany, Florida, Colorado, and other locations, visiting Bryce and Reece and watching them participate in

baseball, soccer, football, basketball, swimming, band, and more.

Charles's love of children and his understanding of the need to make quality educational opportunities available to them led him to seek election to the Pickaway County Board of Education. He was elected, and served on the Board for more than twenty years. As a duly elected member of the county board, he was appointed to serve on the board of the Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School. As a Vocational School Board Member, Charles was conservative when it came to spending public money. He monitored the budgets with a keen eye. Charles was supportive of special classes for handicapped students, and also supported enrichment classes for outstanding achievers. He believed that good administrators were the key to effective schools, and believed that the administrators should be held accountable for the success of the school programs.

Charles and Vera were members of Trinity Lutheran Church, were Charles served on the Church Council. Charles cared greatly about his family, church, local community and schools, and his country. He was a very hard-working man, and very outgoing. He had an infectious laugh, was quick to make friends, and loved animals, as evidenced by his habit of giving his livestock "extra" feed on Thanksgiving and other special holidays.

The last several years of Charles's life were marred by health problems largely related to complications brought on by diabetes. He gradually became confined to a wheelchair, and spent his last days in Sunbridge Nursing Home.

Charles passed away peacefully on February 14, 2005, leaving behind a loving family and a lasting legacy of kindness to others, obedience to God, and a sense of duty to Country and community.

-Submitted by Charles B. Steinhauser

HOWARD NEWELL & LAURA DUNN STEVENSON

Howard Newell was born on 26 July 1901 the son of John C. and Callie Barnes Stevenson. For all his life he was a farmer in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio on The Goosepond Pike (now Commercial Point Road) on his parents' farm. John and Callie had 5 sons and 1 daughter: Beryl, Frank, Bruce, Grace, Howard Newell and Jean.

As a young man, he was interested in fast cars and flying. Stevenson Field was established on the farm and they used to have air days. His chief work, besides farming, was in the rural electrification program. In this program, which he helped devise, electricity users became shareholders in their electric service and could elect the Board of Directors and receive dividends in their electric bills in terms of cuts in their electric bill. He presented these ideas in Washington and they were accepted. He was on the Board and President of South Central Electric and the Ohio Midland Light and Power Company. He was also an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in Circleville, as was his Father.

He married Laura Lindsey Dunn of Lexington, Kentucky. During his courting days, he used to fly the 200 miles to Kentucky in his plane and buzz their house to indicate his arrival.

Laura's mother used to say, "Laura, hurry over to the airport, while we still have a roof on the house!"

Laura was a teacher and had great charm and creativity. When going out on teaching practice, which involved teaching in a one room school house in the hills of Kentucky, and realizing her shortness of stature and lack of any colleague back-up might cause a problem, she prepared herself for her first day. As the class was composed of all ages, and some of the children of miners towered over her, she knew she might have a discipline problem. Sure enough it appeared. She invited the class outside to where her car was parked. Opening the trunk, she pulled out an aluminum salt and pepper shaker and handed it to the tallest lad present, who had been giving her trouble. "Throw it up in the air as high as you can." Somewhat puzzled, he did so. While the class was looking up, she reached under the car blanket, pulled out a shotgun and shot both of the shakers through the center before they hit the ground. Stunned, the lad said, "That's sure some shooting, Miss." "Too right it is; now shall we go in and learn something?"

She claimed she never had any subsequent discipline problems from that class at all, which perhaps was not surprising.

Laura and Newell, who was known as "Jud" because he was as quiet as a judge, had 3 sons: Howard Newell Junior, Frank Beaumont, and David Dunn. David died of nephrosis in 1949.

Howard Newell Jr. known as "Steve" was born 16 February 1937, attended Jackson Township School, Pickaway County and Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio before going into the Marines. He then attended The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He has worked at Anderson Insurance but resigned his partnership in order to be able to pursue his real interest, which is acting. He has become an Equity actor and has appeared for many years in "Tecumseh" on Sugarloaf Mountain near Chillicothe, Ohio as James Galloway. He also serves on the Scioto Board there. He has acted in many repertory productions, in commercials and in movies. He travels, yearly, too many cities to cast people for outdoor drama productions. He is a Layreader in St. Philips Episcopal Church, Circleville. He shares his Father's love of cars and currently drives a Mini Cooper (made in Oxford), loves Pumpkin Show, skiing, and Hamlet.

He married Mary Jo Young in 1961, who was a teacher and who died of lymphoma. He married Sandra Grissom, who worked at the Circleville Herald and presently The Savings Bank in Circleville.

Frank Beaumont was born on 5 August 1939, attended school at Jackson Township, then Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where he received his BA degree. Following that he trained at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he received his M. Div. degree. He was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1964. He served at St. Edwards, Whitehall, Columbus, where he worked in Christian Education and also served as a priest to the deaf. In 1966 he went to Zambia in Central Africa as a missionary. In 1968 he went to Oxford, England where he worked in the Psychiatric Hospitals and in 1975 became Chaplain of the Oxford Psychiatric Hospitals. He was made a Canon by the Lord Bishop of Oxford and has spoken and given lectures and workshops widely, including Westminster Abbey, London. He has recently become a Chaplain to the All Saints Convent in Oxford.

-Submitted by: Frank and Steve Stevenson

JOHN C. STEVENSON FAMILY

The ancestors of John C. Stevenson's family were John Stevenson born November 13, 1823 in County Down, Ireland, the son of Alexander and Mary Stevenson. In 1847 John emigrated to America where he worked on farms and as a cooper. He declared his intention to become a citizen in 1849 and on March 18, 1859 took the oath of citizenship. Determined to own land in Pickaway County, he returned to Ireland where he married Jane Morehead (born 1823). Soon after marriage they went to Australia during the gold rush. He first worked on the docks and mine fields and invested in mine properties. However, he soon saw that success was not in the minefields, but in supplying the needs of the mining industry. He purchased wagons and horses and carried supplies long distances from Melbourne to the mines, being able to sell almost at his own price. Remembering his goal, he returned to America with his family and in 1858 purchased his first farm in Circleville Township, which is now the corner of North Court Street and Walnut Creek Pike. He later added to his property with farms in Jackson and Wayne Townships. They had seven children: Alexander, Martha and Hamilton were born in Australia; Margaret, John C., Jane and Elizabeth in Circleville. John died in 1903, Jane in 1904.

John C. Stevenson

John C. (1862-1945) took over the farming operation from his father. A very successful farmer often working with the university for the most modern technology, he continued to expand

the farming operation. In 1926 he was awarded the distinguished title of master farmer. He was active in the Presbyterian Church, centralization of schools, The Second National Bank, and creating Pickaway Grain and Pickaway Livestock Producers. He married Callie M. Barnes (1872-1939) and they had six children: John Beryl, Frank Earl, Grace Hamilton, George Bruce, Howard Newell and Jean Morehead.

Beryl (1893-1976) was a farmer active in benefiting agricultural co-operatives in the area. He married Florence Grimes from New Holland and they had two children, Elisabeth, a livestock farmer and John (Linda Given), a farmer and community leader in Pickaway County. He was also Associate Administrator of ASCS under the first Bush Administration, President of the National Corn Growers and Pickaway County Commissioner.

Frank (1895-1953), Doctor of Pediatrics in Cincinnati, Ohio, married Neva Moat and they had two children, a daughter, Barbara Barnes who married Edward Berghausen, a chemical engineer and John Moat, who married Roxanne Harrington, a prominent businessman and civic leader in Fort Worth, Texas.

Grace (1897-1984) married Dr. Tom B. Haber. Both were associated with the English Department at the Ohio State University where they both taught for many years. Grace authored the book, *The Pipe and the Tomahawk*. Her husband an expert on the poet A. E. Housman about whom he researched and wrote several books.

Bruce (1899-1976), a farmer, active in local affairs and schools was innovative in his scientific approach in agriculture. He married Carolyn Averill from Frankfort, Kentucky. They had three children: Margaret, a schoolteacher, married Glenn Barnhart, an industrial engineer and they live in Dayton, Ohio. Grace married William Richards, a farmer and active in the conservation movement. He was Chief of the Natural Resource and Conservation Service under the first Bush Administration and is considered the father of Conservation Tillage, which is revolutionizing cropping practices all over the world. A son, Bruce, (married Betty McCray) is a farmer and a talented welder with his own business.

Newell (1901-1988) married Laura Dunn, was a farmer and active promoting rural electrification. He was president of Ohio Midland (South Central Power) for many years. They had two sons, Newell (married Sandy Grissom) in the insurance business and has had an active part in the drama, "Tecumseh." The Rev. Canon F. Beaumont, Church of England, lives in Oxford, England and is also a psychoanalyst.

Jean (1904-1997), a doctor of surgery in Cincinnati married Gazelle Rexroad. They had three children, Richard, also a surgeon (married Paulette Lauderback) is Associate Professor of Pediatric Surgery at Children's Hospital and Director of Medical Student Education for the Department of Surgery at the University of Cincinnati. A second son, Daniel, married Miwha Lee and both are professors of Far Eastern Studies at the University of Kansas. A daughter, Janet, is an artist in Colorado.

John Stevenson and his descendants are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Grace S. Richards

GLENN ARCHER STEWART

Glenn Archer Stewart (born October 4, 1906 and died June 14, 1958) was born in Zanesville, Ohio to William and Esther Iona (Archer) Stewart. Glenn, age 8, and his brother, Dale "Todd" Walton Stewart, age 6 (born 1908 and died 1943) were orphaned in 1914. They lived part of their youth in the McIntire Orphanage in Zanesville, Ohio. An infant sister, Frances Buell Stewart, died in 1904 at 18 months of age.

Glenn immigrated to Pickaway County in about 1925, working as a farmhand for Richard Struckman and Penny Klingensmith. He loved growing melons, green beans and other vegetables, which he sold at Central Market on South Third Street in Columbus.

L-R: Lisa Ann Stewart, Glenn Archer Stewart, Rose May Jones-Stewart-Hochmuth, Archer Glenn Stewart.

Times were hard during the Great Depression. Work was scarce. When all the corn was cut and husked, Glenn trapped coon, mink, possum and muskrats for their hides, which he tanned and sold to support himself and his family. In later years, Glenn worked as a sheet metal worker and lastly, as a security guard at the Curtiss Wright Corporation in Columbus, Ohio. Glenn served in the U.S. Naval Reserve. In 1927 Glenn married Rosa (Rose) May Jones (born December 6, 1911 and died December 30, 1999), the daughter of Lewis Edward "Ed" Jones (born August 2, 1878 and died December 7, 1965), a tenant farmer who farmed on the shares with Mike Decker and Mary Elizabeth (Eccard-Klingensmith) Jones (born April 2, 1878 and died August 2, 1959). Glenn and Rose had two children: Archer "Archie" Glenn (born November 13, 1927) and Rose Mary (born October 1, 1930) in Pickaway County.

Archie married Clara Louise "Lou" Peters (born July 17, 1931 and died September 3, 2002) on October 27, 1951. Clara Lou is buried in Reber Hill Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio. Their children are: Lisa Ann, Lori Lyn, and Amy Jo. Lisa (born February 13, 1953) married Neale Lemaster. Their children are: Pamela Jill and Jamie Nicole. Lisa and Neil were divorced and she married Roger Rose May 26, 1990. They have no children.

Jill (born January 29, 1974) married Mike Garnes. Their children are Taylor Marie (born January 4, 1992) and Noah Tristan (born November 11, 1995). Jill and Mike were divorced and Jill married Jon Robert Moore. They have no children.

Jamie (born November 8, 1979) married William Eldon Arledge III. Their children are: Madison Rose Arledge (born September 13, 2001) and Trenton Lewis Arledge (March 24, 2003).

Lori (born October 11, 1957) married Robert Allen Dick (born April 19, 1957). Their children are Erin Leigh (born April 17, 1979) and Brady Allen (born July 8, 1980). Brady has a son, Caden Allen (born January 9, 2002).

Amy (born March 6, 1959) married Timothy Wayne Davis (born March 28, 1960) June 18, 1983. Their children are: Tyler Wayne (born March 22, 1986), Emily Renee (born May 31, 1988) and Ashley Elizabeth (born May 30, 1990).

Rose Mary married Robert Eugene "Bobby" "Boomer" Glick (born June 5, 1931 and died February 28, 1999) of Ashville on November 26, 1955. Robert is buried in Reber Hill Cemetery. Their children are: Kim Elizabeth (born February 15, 1957), Roberta Leigh "Robin" (born September 17, 1962), and Darryl Eugene (born June 23, 1965).

Kim married Karl Dean Forson. Their children are: Robert Kyle (born October 26, 1985) and Kari Saunserae (born February 1, 1988). Kim and Karl divorced. Kim married Mark Knore.

Robin married Ralph Emerine. They have one daughter, Brittany Rose (born July 8, 1989). Robin and Ralph divorced. Robin married Grant Eric Hossfeld. Their children are: Grant Eric II (born May 8, 1998), Caden Robert (born November 6, 2001) and Jeremy Stewart (born July 17, 2004).

Darryl married Jodi Kay Hanawalt. Their children are: Natalie Rose Ann (born December 30, 1996) and Nathan Eugene (born March 19, 1999).

Rose Mary and Robert Glick divorced. She married Robert Evan Jamison (Master Sergeant U.S. Air Force, retired), a widower with seven children: Mary Ann, Patty, Sue, Mitchell, Scott, Paul and Beth. Rose Mary has eleven step-grandchildren and eleven step-great grandchildren.

In 1981, Rose Mary Stewart married Leonard John Hochmuth (born March 3, 1914 and died May 19, 1984) of Buffalo, New York. Glenn, Rose and Leonard are buried in Harrison Township Cemetery, Ashville, Ohio.

-Submitted by Rose Jamison

STIR FAMILY

Ralph and Ruth Stir and their family were longtime residents of Pickaway County with descendants still living there today. Ralph and Ruth's children were Burdell, Clara, Margaret, Frances and Ralph Junior Stir.

Ralph and Ruth Stir, with daughters Burdell, Clara and Frances and Ralph Jr., moved to Pickaway County in 1940. The United States government took the farm where they had lived

Stir Family. – 1950. Front row: Clara Stir Spence holding Dwayne Spence, David Spence, Grandma Winter, Grandma Susie Stir, Grandpa George Stir holding Raymond White, Ralph Stir, Lee Stir. Second row: James White, Frances Stir Steube, Harvey Spence, Ruth Stir, Aunt Inez, Cousin Carolyn Stir, Burdell Stir Coon, Margaret Stir White, Ralph Stir Junior

in Franklin County for the Lockbourne Air Base. The Stir Family purchased the Cordary farm on Marcy Road.

Their neighbors were Curtis and Mary Fisher and sons Jim and Dick. Bessie Crumley and Cleve Smith were also neighbors. At that time, their daughter Margaret was married to James White and lived on Shook Road in Pickaway County.

Ralph, with his twelve-year-old son farmed the 134-acre farm of crops and raised a few hogs and sheep. In 1947 Ralph purchased the Swisher farm of 320 acres on State Route 674 with a Canal Winchester address and a Bell telephone system.

Ralph Sr. farmed with large modern equipment on the Swisher farm working long days. He was also a dealer of JI Case farm machinery as well as managed a parts store in Circleville, Ohio.

Burdell married George Coon, a longtime Pickaway County resident. Burdell passed away in 1995. Frances Stir married Roy Steube, who lived south of Marcy since he was four years of age. Frances currently resides in the starter home that she and Roy purchased.

Clara's husband, Harvey Spence, attended Lincoln Aeronautics School in Lincoln, Nebraska before returning home. The family of David, Dwayne and Miriam moved to the Cordary farms. Harvey drove to Curtis Wright to work each day and Clara took care of the livestock that her father left on the farm. Mr. Spence served on the Pickaway-Madison County School Board for six years.

Ralph Stir Jr. married Betty Martin whose family lived in Pickaway County. Ralph Jr. was very active in Walnut Township School FFA and showed sheep and hogs in Pickaway County and Ohio State fairs. He died in 2004 and his daughter, Debra Butcher, lives in the Stir home place.

In 1948 the family again experienced the trial of having their land taken from them. The Columbus Metropolitan Park system wanted the land for a park. After a court fight, they were allowed to keep 120 acres. The park, named Slate Run, took 200 acres and several other farms.

Ruth Stir died of much stress in 1966 and Ralph Stir Sr. died in 1970. Daughter Margaret and family moved to the house down the road from her father and helped care for him before his death. Margaret passed away in 1993. The son of Margaret, retired Air Force Colonel Raymond White, now lives in his parents' home.

Grandchildren: Mark and Ruth Coon, David, Dwayne and Miriam Spence, Raymond, Ronald, Glenna and Edward White, Philip Steube and Donovan, Debra, Roxanne and Dennis Stir survive the Stirs along with fourteen great-grandchildren and many great-great grandchildren.

-Submitted by Frances Steube

STOUT

The Stout descendants of Pickaway County and neighboring Clearcreek Township in Fairfield County trace their lineage back to the German Upper Palatinate area on the Rhine River. The earliest recorded ancestor is Hans Staudt (1535-1599). Thus descended Hans Staudt (1560-1632); Theobald Staudt (1587-?); Theobald (Diebold) Staudt (1616-1688); Tilmann Staudt (1647-1726). The Thirty Year's War (1618-1648) left the Palatinate in pitiable condition, forcing thousands to flee to America.

Sailing on the *Pennsylvania Merchant* from Rotterdam to Philadelphia in 1733 were two sons of Tilmann, one being Johannes (1678-1775). Johannes Stoudt established a home on the Schuylkill River, Berks County, Pennsylvania. A son, Johannes (1737-1801) served in the Revolutionary War. He was commissioned May 10, 1777 at the age of 40 in Captain Minich's 2nd Company, 3rd Battalion, Berks County, Pennsylvania. Authority for this is in the D.A.R. "Patriot's Index," page 654.

A son of Johannes, George (1771-1846), migrated to the Pickaway/ Fairfield County, Ohio line area via the Zane Trace Trail in 1808. George Stout (note the complete Anglicization of the name by this time) located in Clearcreek Township, Fairfield County, a mile and a half northeast of Stoutsville, Ohio. His farmhouse was located on a mail and coach route and became a regular Drover's Stand. There were also located on the property one of the first fruit orchards in the area, a tavern, a distillery and a gristmill. George at one time was engaged as a partner in a Company Store in Circleville, Ohio. He and his wife (Maria Dunkle) are buried in the Stout Cemetery on Winstead Road, Washington Township, Pickaway County.

A son of George, Isaac (1801-1871) wed Mary Meckley. To this union was born Daniel M. (1833-1910) wedded to Elizabeth Dunkle. A summary of an article appearing in the *Herald* goes as follows. On the morning of November 6, 1855, Daniel had gone into the yard to clean his muzzleloader. The ramrod stuck. Knowing that the barrel contained some powder, he put on a cap, took off his right boot, got a firm hold of the ramrod with his teeth and pulled the trigger with his large toe. The bullet passed through the back of his neck and stuck in the ceiling. Big Dan (6 feet, 4.5 inches, 200 pounds) lost a tooth and had a very sore neck for several weeks but survived!

A son of Daniel, Amos E. (1866-1949) married Cora Drake. To this union was born eight daughters: Stella (Clyde) Dean [granddaughter, Anita (Charles Babb)], Grace (Loring) Adams [granddaughter Donna (Dan) Dailey], Mary (Leonard) Coffland [daughter Norma June (Bill) Ankrom], Ada Valentine VanFossen, Esta (Merril) Poling [daughter Maxine E. Poling], Hazel (Gus) Valentine, Amy (Oscar) Lower, and Winifred Butterbaugh.

Winifred married Elmer Butterbaugh of Clearcreek Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. Four children were born to this union: Carol Beatrice (1930-1931), Donald (Joyce Huston), (1933-2002), Phyllis (1944) and Norma (Jerry) Gloyd (1948). Phyllis wed James B. Hartley in 1968. Phyllis taught in the Logan Elm Schools, Pickaway County for 28 years. One daughter, Jayme Caroline Hartley Fountain, was born to this union in 1979.

-Submitted by Phyllis Butterbaugh Hartley

STOUT/ CALVERT

William Stout was a lifelong resident of Pickaway County, farming in Pickaway, Jackson and Harrison Townships. It is said that he decided to use the middle initial "F" because there was another William Stout in the area and the postal service continually mixed up their mail. He was born March 11, 1867, in Washington Township, the son of Jeremiah and Caroline Sittler Stout. The

William and Leona Clyde Calvert Stout

Stouts were from Berks County and the Sittlers from Lehigh County, both in Pennsylvania.

On January 31, 1906, Will, as he was known, married Leona Clyde Calvert, born November 11, 1883, to Jacob and Emma Haney Calvert. The Calvert and Haney families were both from Virginia although Jacob was born in Hocking County, Ohio.

Will and Leona were the parents of four children: William Stanley, Leslie Paul, Helen who died at the age of 5 months in 1914 and Mildred Katherine. Will died August 21, 1930, in Harrison Township. After his death and the graduation of Mildred from Ashville High School, Leona moved to Columbus where, for many years, she cooked for fraternities at Ohio State University. Leona died July 16, 1963 in Columbus. They are buried in Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery with their daughter Helen.

Stanley Stout was born May 31, 1907 in Pickaway County. On June 21, 1936, in Franklin County, he married Elberta C. Knotts who was born July 4, 1911 in Knox County, Ohio, the daughter of Charles Howell and Blanche Bonnette Knotts. Their children were Carolyn Marie, born September 12, 1939 in Franklin County, Kathryn Ann born June 17, 1944 in Circleville and Rebecca Ellen born July 1, 1950 in Columbus. For many years Stanley was a mechanic and parts manager for area automobile dealerships. He retired from South Central Power Company where he was a dispatcher. Stanley died September 17, 1988 and is buried in Forest Cemetery. Elberta retired from the F. & R. Lazarus Company.

Paul Stout was born February 13, 1909. He married Grace Barch on February 23, 1932. Paul was a farmer and Grace was well known for her homemaking skills. She won hundreds of awards at county and state fairs and the Pumpkin Show for her food preservation and baking. Both Paul and Grace died in 1998 and are buried in Ferwood Cemetery at Lockbourne, Ohio.

Mildred married John McCabe and they made their home in Columbus, Ohio.

Grandchildren of Will and Leona are Carolyn Stout Weigand, Kathryn Stout Ohlin, Rebecca Stout Daft, William McCabe, Daniel McCabe, and Richard McCabe.

-Submitted by Carolyn Weigand

Cornelius Stout, son William H. Stout, Lucy Bolender Stout, grandson John Boyd Stout (1 yr.) at the Berger Farm, NE corner of Old Tarlton and Morris Leist Roads. 1910

J. Boyd Stout and Luella Marie Stout, 1978

William H. Stout, Lucy Bolender Stout, and son John Boyd Stout (6 yrs). 1915

Cornelius Stout Family, c. 1900. Back row: Nelson, Ada, Charles, Alva, and Laura. Front Row: Alice, Cornelius, Wilson, Roy, Susan, and William.

Wm. A. Stout Family. January 2005. Back Row: Dan & Jane, Cheryl & John, Bill, Jean Droste, David, Regina and Barbara (baby). Seated: Jack, Miranda, Emily, Jesse, Ella, Elizabeth, and Mary.

WILLIAM A. STOUT FAMILY

Johann Michael Staudt arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 18, 1733 on the *Pennsylvania Merchant* along with 183 passengers from Rhineland-Palatinate. His oldest son, Johannes Stoudt, was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. His son, George, migrated to Ohio in 1808. George's son, Benjamin, along with his brother, John, were the founders of Stoutsville, Ohio in 1854.

George Staudt-1771-1846 (Great-great-great grandfather), a farmer, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania. Moved to Clear Creek Township, in Ohio in 1808, married Maria Dunkle (1770-1840). They had six children.

John Stout-1795-1865 (Great-great grandfather), a farmer, married Ann Meyer (1802-1891). Had twelve children—

Reuben (1824-1825,)

Eliza

Caroline (1819-1887), married Israel Valentine (1819-1903)-11 children

Mary Jane (1833-1897)—married Edgar Berger (1831-1898)-five children

Eli—moved to Illinois

John-- died 1934 in South Dakota – 10 children

Catherine—moved to Kansas

Rose—married Henry Curtz and moved to South Dakota, seven children

Sophia-married Daniel Bost—moved to Illinois, two children

Harriet—married Eli Metzger

Elizabeth (1838-1892) married John Dunkel

(1834-1910), 10 children and farmed near Circleville.

Cornelius—1833-1915 (Great-grandfather) a farmer, married Susan Wilson (1843-1904), nine children

Charles 1867-1924, married Lillie B. Stout—five children

Laura B. 1871-1912, married Ed Clendennen 1871-1948

Ida Alice 1872-1941, married Charles Miller 1872-1943

Two children

Twin John Wilson 1875-1942 married Clara Neuner

Twin Nelson 1875-1945 married Florence Stevenson

Alva Paul 1881-1966 married Nellie Thomas 1884-1941

Three children

Ada C. 1882- married Wayne Chaney 1890—1 child

Roy Stout 1886-1963 Circleville High School custodian married Viola Holloway

William Henry Stout (Grandfather) 1869-1954, a farmer in Washington Township, married Lucy Bolender 1871-1938, in 1905 one child

John Boyd Stout (Father) 1909-1985, builder/developer in Circleville, married (Mother) Luella Marie Stanley 1920-2000, in 1928, one of five children of Arthur Stanley and Edith Mitchell. Born in Washington County, Ohio, Homer, Frances, Mildred, Polly Stanley

Two children

John Homer Stout 1929 married Jeanette Bell (1929-)

Two Children Jeffrey 1955-

Lisa 1958-one child, Kevin Bonfils-1983

William Arthur Stout 1933-married Judith Wood (1933-) in 1956, divorced in 1989

Three Children

John William Stout (1957-) married Cheryl Kirkwood (1958-) in 1978. Residing in Circleville, Ohio as a builder, realtor and civic leader.

Two children

Emily Ross 1987-

Elisabeth Wood 1989-

Thomas Daniel Stout (1960- married Jane Sauer (1961-) in 1984, residing in Union, Kentucky

Two children

Miranda Linn 1988-

Jesse Daniel 1992-

David Arthur Stout (1961) married Regina Cleary (1970-) in 1996, residing in East Lansing, Michigan

Four children

John Boyd 1997-

Mary Elizabeth 1999-

Luella Marie 2002-

Barbara Terese 2004-

-Submitted by Bill Stout

STRALEY FAMILY

The Straley family came to America around 1750 where they have been farmers through many generations. Christian Straley fought in the Revolutionary War before settling in Virginia/West Virginia. His sons John (born circa 1796), Joseph and George came to Ohio in the 1810s and settled in what are now Ross and Fayette Counties. John married Sarah Magnet in Ross County in 1821 and had seven children. Their son Joseph Roscoe (born in 1832) married Julia Ann Catherine Hidy (born in 1837) in 1853 and had seven children. Joseph fought in the Civil War in the 44th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Joseph and Catherine's son, A. (variously Abraham or Andrew) Lincoln, known as Link was born on Christmas Day 1864, and is the first Straley in Pickaway County. In 1888 he married Mary Anna White (born 1870) daughter of John Christopher and Eliza Ellen Long White. They were parents of Ethel, John Joseph, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley Roscoe (Ross) (born 1893). (Family Tales say he was born in Iowa while his father worked on the railroad, but this has never been proved.) and Gertrude Ellen. Both Link and Anna are buried in Darbyville Cemetery. Ross married Jessie Hays White (born in 1891) daughter of Rutherford and Annie Chittum Blizzard Hays in 1915 and farmed in Deercreek Township until late in his life. He was a Deercreek Township trustee for many years. They were the parents of Wanna (1916-1969), Warren G. (see below) and Marima (born in 1922). Jessie died in 1950, Ross in 1975. Both are buried in Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport. Warren G. was born December 26, 1920. He graduated from Deercreek Township High School in Williamsport in 1938. He served as a P-47 fighter pilot in WWII. He returned to farming for the next 15 years. On December 10, 1947 he married Edith Schleich (born September 14, 1920), daughter of Leonard Grice and Ella Hill Schleich. Edith graduated from Deercreek Township High School in 1938 and Dickinson Business College in 1939. She worked in the offices of the Container Corporation in Circleville both before and after service in the U.S. Navy WAVES. Warren joined the Pickaway County Sheriff's Department in 1962 as a deputy, where he served until his death in 1976. He was a founding member and past officer of Johnson-Miner American Legion Post in Williamsport, as well as a member of Heber Masonic Lodge and a volunteer fireman. Edith served as a 4-H advisor, was an officer of American Legion, and is retired from the Dunlap Company. Edith now resides in Washington Courthouse. They are the parents of three daughters, Lynn, Dona and Ann. All are graduates of Westfall High School. Lynn received her bachelor of science in education from Ohio University, a masters of business administration from University of Dayton and works in Educational Publishing. Dona holds a bachelor of arts from Ohio State University, a doctorate in Arabic and Islamic Studies from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) and a master of library science from Indiana University. She is a librarian. Ann received her associate's degree from Columbus State College and works as a Laboratory Technologist. Ann married Michael McMenemy in 1974 (divorced in 1978) and now is married to Michael Duff. Ann's daughter, Christina McMenemy (born June 21, 1976) received her bachelor of arts from Miami University, Ohio and is employed as a technical writer. Christina married Aaron Einhorn in March 2003 (also a graduate of Miami) and their daughter, Cordelia Rose was born September 21, 2004.

-Submitted by Edith S. Straley

CATHERINE RIFE STREICH & JOHANN CASPER STREICH

Catherine Rife living in Pickaway County married Casper Streich on the 26th day of June 1859. Being minors, Catherine was given consent by her father, Philip Rife and Casper was given consent by his widowed mother. Probate Judge Fred Cogswell signed the marriage application. They were married by the Rev. William Orth. Fifty years later, the following article was printed in a newspaper in Circleville:

Johann Casper Streich and Catherine Rife, 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1909, Cleveland, OH.

"Fifty Years of Married Life to be Celebrated by Rev. and Mrs. Caspar Streich" stated: (please note that on the marriage certificate and tombstone, Catherine was spelled with a "C" and on Casper's tombstone it is spelled "Casper")

"Saturday, June 26, will be a red letter day with Rev. Caspar Streich and wife, of Cleveland, formerly of this city, and their numerous and worthy descendants, for on that day they will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Orders have been placed for tents, and the exercises will take place on the lawn of their pleasant home in the Forest City. The couple will be married over again and there will be gifts and music and feasting, the whole affair having a cheerful Fatherland tinge."

Caspar Streich and Miss Katherine Rife were married in Circleville, June 25, 1859. Mr. Streich was born near Stuttgard, Germany, and the lady of his choice was born and reared in Pickaway County. They had ten children and all are living and all are married but three. Mr. Streich became a member of the German Brethren church early in his life and was ordained as a minister in this city after graduating from Otterbein University. He has been active in the ministry ever since, and he always had important charges. He has frequently been presiding elder and has built many churches throughout Ohio and Illinois.

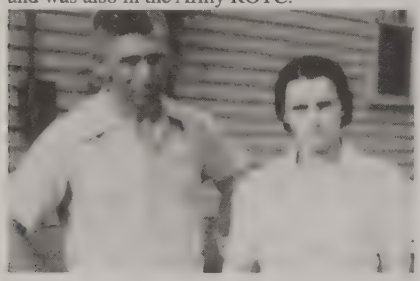
He built the U.B. Church in Portsmouth and was stationed there for many years. His first charge was at Pomeroy. Rev. Streich is now pastor of the Fourth U.B. Church of Cleveland. Both Rev. and Mrs. Streich are buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Streich's full name was Johann Casper Streich, but the tombstone only has Casper Streich. Casper Streich was born in 1839 and died in 1932. Catherine Streich was born in 1841 and died in 1919.

-Submitted by Martha Louise Crowder Scott

CURTIS EUGENE STROUS

Born in Pickaway County June 2, 1905, Curtis E. Strous was the son of Eddie H. and Mable (Armstrong) Strous. Curtis, along with his older brother, Harold A. and young sister Marian lived on a farm in the corner of Pickaway County next to Ross and Hocking County.

Curtis attended Saltcreek School and graduated in 1923. He attended Ohio State University two years (1927-1929) in the school of agriculture and was also in the Army ROTC.



1944, Curtis E. and E. Mildred Strous

He married E. Mildred Judy, daughter of Omar and Daisy Judy. They lived in a small house in Adelphi, Ohio in Ross County and later moved to a house in Pickaway County just outside Adelphi. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Adelphi as well as a member of the Masonic Lodge and IOOF.

Curtis Strous opened a feed mill operation in Adelphi around 1930. He would do custom grinding of grain and sell livestock feed to the farmers. As the business grew, he expanded the business to selling other items. He started stocking hardware items and things needed for farming such as tools, nails and fasteners, fence and posts and building supplies. He also acquired a small town dairy in Adelphi and sold those items.

By 1940 he had expanded his business, acquiring another building to house the hardware as well as some other parts of the business. He was the John Deere Implement dealer for the area, dealer for several different kinds of livestock feeds, dealer for Farquhar furnaces, employed as a carpenter that did house repair work and remodeling. In his spare time, he helped his father, Eddie Strous, with his farm.

In 1931, his first son, David Eugene was born. In 1933 Richard Lee was born and then six years later in 1939, the third son, Curtis Eugene Strous, Jr. was born. They all still live at the edge of Adelphi in a house he purchased and remodeled only two doors from the previous home. His father also lived part-time in this home.

During World War II, he was not eligible for the military so he helped keep the farm equipment running on the home front with needed repairs and maintenance.

Curtis Eugene Strous, Sr. passed away in October of 1944 at the age of 39 leaving a wife, E. Mildred and three sons, David, Richard and Curtis, Jr., other family members as well as hundreds of friends and business acquaintances. He is buried in Green Summit Cemetery, Adelphi, Ohio.

E. Mildred, his wife, passed away in 1994 while living in Xenia, Ohio where she moved about a year and a half after his death. His oldest son, David (a retired aircraft designer), resides in Enumclaw, Washington. Second son, Richard (retired supermarket manager), resides in Xenia, Ohio and the youngest son, Curtis (retired from supermarket advertising), also resides in Xenia, Ohio.

-Submitted by Dick Strous

HAROLD STROUS FAMILY

Harold Armstrong Strous was born July 23, 1899 to Eddie Holderman Strous, a farmer and stockman, and Mabel Mertie Armstrong Strous. Harold married Myriam Hubbell. Their two sons were Robert and Donald. Myriam died in 1931 of pneumonia. In 1935 Harold married Bessie Woolley. One daughter was born, Mabel Patricia.

Harold graduated from Saltcreek Township School in 1919. The following year he began his teaching career at Bull Creek School in Ross County. He taught at Adelphi, Hallsville and Centralia Schools in Ross County, and in 1935, he accepted a teaching position at Saltcreek Township School and served as superintendent of the school until his retirement in 1955. He received his bachelor's degree in education from Ohio University in 1942 and his master's degree in education from Ohio State University in 1945. Bessie also had graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in education.

In 1939 Harold and Bessie moved to a farm on State Route 56 East and lived in the 11-room brick home that had been built in the 1850s. The brick featured beautiful black walnut, mahogany and oak woodwork, Bessie enjoyed cooking and preparing many home-cooked meals for threshers, basketball teams and members of the boards of education of Saltcreek School. Bessie entered several cakes in the Pickaway County Fair and won prizes for her efforts.

At Saltcreek Township School Mr. Strous promoted academics along with discipline and self-respect. Harold believed in discipline and typical student punishment would be community service hours to be worked out by helping the school custodian or someone in the school system. Saltcreek School activities included ping-pong tournaments, school fairs, school assemblies, participation in basketball, track and participation in county and state scholastic competitions.

Through the years, Harold, Bessie and their family attended the Adelphi Methodist Church. Harold was Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday school teacher.

After his retirement in 1955, Harold continued with this love of raising cattle and farming. Harold died November 30, 1984 and Bessie died October 23, 1989.

Robert E. Strous was born September 25, 1923 in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County. He graduated from Saltcreek High School. In 1942 he entered the U.S. Coast Guard and served as a pharmacist mate until 1945. He married Marjorie F. Lindgren on June 14, 1945 in Ashland, Wisconsin. On June 5, 1946 Bob and his wife, Marjorie, rode their 10-year-old bicycles from Madison Wisconsin to Adelphi, Ohio. The 510-mile trip took them eight days. The event was published in eight newspapers in Ohio and Wisconsin. They both attended the University of Wisconsin. In 1951, Bob graduated from the Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine. After graduation he moved his family to Juneau, Wisconsin and establish the Dodgeland Veterinary Clinic continuing his work until his death.

He and Marjorie had three sons—John, William and Robert. John and his wife, Teresa (Tess) have one daughter, Mary Margaret, and reside in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

William (Bill) lives in Anchorage, Alaska. Robert (Bob) and his wife, Cheryl, live near Brooklyn, Wisconsin.

Donald E. Strous was born October 21, 1926. He graduated from Saltcreek High School and was a U.S. Navy veteran, farmer, livestock clerk and lover of sports, especially hunting, fishing and golf. He married Mary Jinks from Adelphi and they had three daughters—Laura, Donna and Julie.

Don served as Saltcreek Township trustee for 16 years, Pickaway County Commissioner from 1974 to 1986 and as a member of the Pickaway County Board of Education and Pickaway-Ross Board of Education from 1987 until his death in 2004, which totaled 46 years of public service. Don loved people and loved helping them during his years in public office.

During his lifetime he held longtime membership in the Adelphi United Methodist Church and was former Sunday School Superintendent, cashier for the church chicken dinners for over 30 years, member of Saltcreek Valley Grange, and 50-year member of Adelphi Lodge.

During his years as county commissioner, he and the other commissioners in office were instrumental in the development and building of the Pickaway County Senior Center. Don served as representative from Pickaway County on the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging in Columbus. Don was inducted to the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in Columbus on May 24, 1990.

Through the years, he always loved to farm and raise cattle and was considered a good farmer and cattleman. Donald E. Strous died on January 23, 2004.

On June 19, 1953, Laura Strous died at the age of six weeks. Donna Strous Lazzara and her husband Steve live in Richmond, Kentucky. Julie Strous Rodriguez and her sons Michael and Daniel, and grandson, Gavin, live in Tampa, Florida.

Mabel Patricia Strous was born November 2, 1940. She was a longtime 4-H member. She graduated from Saltcreek Township School in 1958 and graduated from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio in 1962. She began her teaching career as a business teacher at Jackson Township School, Westfall School District, Circleville. In 1964 she transferred to the new Westfall High School. She continued to teach business subjects and served as Yearbook advisor until 1970. At that time, she was hired at the Groveport Madison School District, Groveport, Ohio to teach business subjects. In the fall of 1975 she was hired to teach Clerk-Typist students at the Pickaway-Ross Vocational School, Ross County.

Through the years, Pat was a member of Circleville Business and Professional Women's Club, Pickaway County Democratic Executive Committee, Roundtown Garden Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Adelphi United Methodist Women.

During the years, she traveled to the 50 states including Alaska and Hawaii, European countries and Africa.

For over 46 years, she has been the organist at the Adelphi United Methodist Church. She collects antiques, giraffes, and crystal and enjoys growing roses. She currently lives in Circleville, Ohio, Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Pat Strous

ROGER STUCKEY FAMILY

Orlando Milton Stuckey, born June 21, 1872 in Highland Township, Highland County, Ohio was the son of Richard Stuckey born circa 1840 and Mariah Copes. His parents were married November 21, 1868 and their children were Letitia Ann, Orlando Milton and an infant who died soon after birth.

Mariah Copes, born July 19, 1836 in Pike County, Ohio, married John Groves for her first husband. They were the parents of three sons. The father and all three sons died of diphtheria in one week. She then married Richard Stuckey. She was the daughter of William Copas, born July 19, 1795 in Cookham, Berkshire, England and Margaret Grooms, born November 19, 1812 in Adams County, Ohio.

Her grandfather was Christopher Copas, born 1770 and married Martha Smith on November 1, 1792. William, the oldest, had two brothers, James and Christopher. Miriah's great grandfather was James Copas who married Anne (?). Christopher, the oldest, had a younger brother John. Miriah died January 21, 1917 in Madison County, Ohio.

Orlando Milton Stuckey was a farmer by occupation. He was born July 9, 1871 in Washington Courthouse, Fayette County, Ohio and died February 28, 1965 in Longon, Madison County, Ohio. He was married to Goldie Beulah Niebert, on February 11, 1907 in Bookwalter, Ohio. They were the parents of Jennie, Richard Wesley, Kermit and Elwood.

Richard Wesley Stuckey (October 14, 1914-October 24, 1987) was the first of his family to come to Pickaway County, Ohio in 1954. He, like his father and grandfather, was a farmer. He married Catherine Hamilton in Richmond, Indiana. They were the parents of Beulah Ann who married Robert Crompton. Richard Roger Stuckey, who married Judith Ann Anderson, and Janet Elizabeth, who married Andrew Nelson Starkey.

Grandparents of
Roger Stuckey Orlando and Goldie Stuckey

Richard Roger Stuckey, born in Darbydale, Ohio and Judith Anderson, born in Lancaster, Ohio, were married September 7, 1958. Roger was engaged in farming with his father and Judy worked for the General Telephone Company in Circleville. Judy was the daughter of Earl and Justine Anderson (whose family history is listed in this book). They were the parents of four children, Richard Todd Stuckey, married Kimberly List, parents of Brandy Sue (married E. Rhodes, two sons Andrew and Tristian). Christine Lea, married David J. White, Jr., parents of Shandie and DJ. Jeanie Sue, married James Fife, parents of Tabitha and twins Morgan and Megan. Beth Ann, married Richard Smolinski, parents of Samantha and Tiffany.

After leaving farming, Richard spent many years as a long-distance semi driver from which he retired in 2000 after teaching the skill to his son Richard Todd. Judy retired from General Electric and has spent many years caring for her grandchildren when needed. She is a member of the Pleasant View United Methodist Church where she has been active in service to children, lay speaking and served on many boards. She has won awards for her unique hobby of traditional hand rug hooking and participated in the Southern McGown Teacher's Workshop for rug hooking. Both Judy and Roger are graduates from Williamsport High School, Pickaway County and Judy has often been president of the Alumni Association.

-Submitted by Judith Stuckey

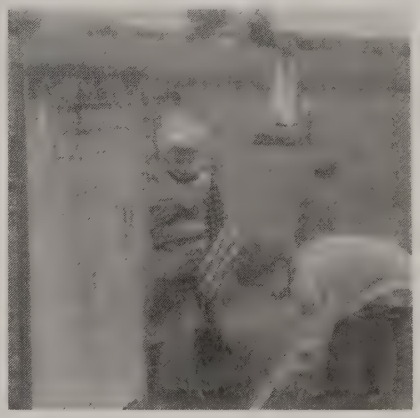
CONRAD STUMP

Conrad Stumpf was born March 24, 1755 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He is listed as a private in the American Revolution. In 1781 he married Julianna Ritter, born February 17, 1759. The Stumpf family came to Pickaway County in 1801. Conrad and Julianna had children: Mary, William, Barbara, Catharina, Henry and George. Conrad died September 24, 1824 and Julianna died July 20, 1929. They are both buried in Stump's Cemetery in Saltcreek Township near their farm.

Catharina Stumpf, born May 26, 1791 in Pennsylvania, married Joel Stump, born April 11, 1784 in Pennsylvania. Their children were: Joel H., Margaret, Mary, Albert, Jacob and Barbara. Catharina died October 1, 1824 and Joel married Barbara Hoey, who died November 24, 1876. Joel died October 26, 1868. Joel and Catharina are buried at Stump's Cemetery. Joel served in the War of 1812.

Mary (Polly) Stump, born July 2, 1816 in Fairfield County, Ohio married Peter Hoy, born in 1816. Peter died August 13, 1837. They were the parents of Simon Peter. Mary married Peter's brother, David Andrew Hoy, December 21, 1839. Their children were: John, Jacob, Adam, Albert, David, William, Joel, Mary, Catherine and Julia. Mary died February 22, 1892 and David on April 23, 1903. They are buried in Little Flock Cemetery in Illinois where they moved in 1854.

Joel Washington Hoy, born June 9, 1842 in Putnam County, Ohio married Sarah Strous April 1, 1869 in Hocking County. Their children were: Lucretia, Jeannette, Simeon, Naomi, Leona, Mary and Minnie. Sarah died June 6, 1883 and is buried in Stump's Cemetery. Joel married Matilda Sweet June 27, 1886. Their children were: Bertha, Viola and Margaret. Joel and Matilda lived in Laurelville. He died February 28, 1923. She died December 25, 1924. They are buried in Olive Cemetery, South Perry, Ohio.



Casey and Cory Walters planting flowers at the grave of Conrad Stumpf, their seventh great-grandfather

Bertha Hoy was born November 2, 1891 in Kinnikinnick, Ohio and married Verne Jinks December 18, 1910. Verne was born June 21, 1888. Their children were: Margaret, Virginia, Walter and Frances. Verne was a painter and paperer. They lived in Laurelville. Verne died May 11, 1974 and Bertha died October 16, 1982. They are buried in Belleview Cemetery, Adelphi, Ohio.

Virginia Jinks was born January 22, 1915 and with Frank Esposito had a son, Vernon. She married Martin Poling January 25, 1943. Martin was born November 8, 1908. They were the parents of Darlene and Arla. Martin died September 21,

1959 and Virginia May 27, 1993. They were grocers in Hallsville, Ohio. They are buried in Green Summit Cemetery, Adelphi.

Darlene Poling was born June 10, 1944 and married Gary Pontious October 15, 1965. They are the parents of Melody, born November 5, 1968. Darlene married Charles Weaver on January 11, 1985.

Melody Pontious married Daniel Walters December 22, 1991. They have sons Casey and Cory.

-Submitted by Darlene Weaver

JAMES L. & DIANE T. SUTTON FAMILY

James L. Sutton came to Pickaway County in 1958 after graduating from Purdue University with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering to accept a position with E.I. DuPont. He was born April 20, 1931 in Pike County, Indiana, the second of three children born to Elmer and Ruth Davis Sutton. After graduating from Petersburg High School he attended Wabash College, Indiana briefly, then enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After discharge from the Army in 1954, he enrolled at Purdue University.

James L. and Diane T. Sutton Family. Mark's wedding to Kay Schroeder, September 30, 2000, Worthington, Ohio. L-R: Alan, David (sons), Diane, Mark (son), Jim, Jo Anna (daughter) and Jeff (son).

During summer employment in Chicago, he met Diane Kay Tincher at the First Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois. They were married in that church on October 10, 1959. Diane, the first of four children born to Jack C. and Edith Kennedy Tincher, was born in Des Moines, Iowa on April 25, 1938. The family moved to Ottumwa, Iowa the following year. In 1952 the family relocated to Evanston, Illinois following her father's job transfer. Diane graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1956 and from the Evanston Hospital School of Nursing (as an R.N.) in 1959.

Diane joined Jim in Circleville following their honeymoon at their apartment in the middle of Pumpkin Show and quickly integrated into the community. From the beginning, their activities centered on their church (Community United Methodist Church) and civic and professional groups: Jim with Engineering, 4-H, Habitat for Humanity and Diane with Nursing, 4-H, crafting and Pumpkin Show.

Diane worked at Berger Hospital as an obstetrical nurse and later, after the children were in school, as an office nurse for Circleville Medical Associates. She was also registered as an R.N. with the American Red Cross.

They were parents of five children:

David Brian, born 1961 (married Sue Ellen Strahm 1986) children Zachary Alan, born 1983, Victoria Leigh, born 1989; JoAnna Lynn, born 1964 (married Douglas Bowersock 1987) children Erick Douglas, born 1993, Andrew Gunnar, born 1995 and twin Jeffrey Brent, born 1964 (1. married Melissa Marshall-1992, 2. married Tamara Mitchell Caldwell-2002) children: Gabriel Jeffrey born 1994, Morgan Emily, born 1997; Mark Bradley, born 1965 (married Kay Schroeder-2000) children Tanner James, born 2003; Alan Bradford, born 1968 (married Tonja Lintner-1994) daughter Abigail McKenzie, born 1999.

After developing an interest in tracing the family history, Jim and Diane began their search at Jim's birthplace and worked eastward through counties known to the family. In Orange County, Indiana, they were told they should return to Ohio as records showed they had come from there. Documentation has verified that Jim's 3G-grandfather, Jesse came with his brother, Jeremiah from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania to Muskingum County, Ohio at the beginning of the 1800s.

During a parallel research, it was discovered that Diane's great-grandmother Mattie Hageman Raney was born and spent her early years near Piqua, Ohio before the family began their trek west toward Nebraska. For Jim and Diane, moving to Ohio was new territory for them and their families, but in truth, they returned to their roots.

-Submitted by J.L. Sutton

NICHOLAS (SCHWEYER) SWOYER FAMILY

The genealogy of this family has been traced back to 1172 AD. The first known ancestor was Edgar Schweyer who lived on the Island of Hiddensee. The lineage is traced through to Nicholas Schweyer who emigrated from Germany to America on the ship *Neptune* landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 4, 1752. He settled at Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania. The Schweyer name was changed to Swoyer about 1800.

Nicholas Schweyer was born in 1721. He married Maria Barbara Kuntz in 1742. They had 10 children. Nicholas died in 1800. His first son, George, was born in Germany in 1764. George married Barbara Rishel. He was a farmer. They had seven children. Their sixth was Jacob, born in 1792 in Berks County, Pennsylvania. He was also a farmer. He married Catherine Dunkel and had 10 children. Jacob died in 1846 and is buried at Glick Church near Marcy.

Jacob and Catherine's fifth child, Jacob Jr., was born in 1821 in Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Crites in 1850. They had five children before Elizabeth died in 1858. He married Mary Fellers Shride in 1860 and had two children. Mary died in 1865. In 1874 he married Eliza Brobst. When Eliza's father Jacob Brobst Jr. died in 1868, he gave part of his farm in Madison Township, Pickaway County, Marcy, Ohio to Eliza. Jacob Jr. died in 1885. When Eliza died in 1897, she left the farm to their only son, Jacob Harley.

Jacob Harley was born in 1877. He married Susan Anna Nothstine in 1898. They had five children: Erma, Warren, Christine, Eldon, and Adonis. Jacob Harley died in 1926. Susan Anna died in 1927.

Erma was born in 1900 and died in 1985. She married Loring List and had two children, Anna "Marguerite," and Gail Loring. Marguerite married Robert Mallory and had three sons. Gail married Thelma Hall and had one son.

Warren Jacob was born in 1902 and died in 1958. He remained at the home place in Madison Township, Pickaway County, Marcy, Ohio. He was a farmer and married Geneva Morehart. They had two children, Waldo Jacob and Eldora. Waldo married Connie Sue Black and they had three daughters. Waldo Jacob Swoyer's widow, Connie Sue, currently resides in the "home place" at Marcy, Ohio. Eldora married Gene VanPelt and they had four daughters.

Christine was born in 1906 and died in 1976. She married Maynard Marion. They had one son, Max, who had two children.

Eldon was born in 1907 and died in 1971. He married Janette Bowers. They had one daughter, Beverly, who has two children.

Adonis was born in 1910 and died in 1961. He married Dorothy Williamson. They owned and operated Marcy Store, Marcy, Ohio for many years. They had two children: Harley Jay and Ruth Ann. Harley had five children. Ruth Ann married Gary Hoover and they have two daughters.

The Swoyers' 100th reunion was held at South Bloomfield Park, Ashville, Ohio on September 11, 2005.

-Submitted by Beverly Swoyer VanPelt

TERRY

Great Grandpa Terry

He wasn't famous, but great grandfather was a legend in the family. John Collins Terry was born May 12, 1843 in Jackson County, Ohio. He was the son of Paul and Mary Collins Terry. The family lived near Limerick, Ohio. In 1860 the Civil War had begun. Being a patriotic lad, John and his brother enlisted in the 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The 73rd took part in many engagements during the war. In the battle of Gettysburg, John was seriously wounded. Orthopedic medicine in the 1800s was not what it is today. His leg had to be amputated below the knee. While he was recuperating in the hospital, President Abraham Lincoln gave his historic Gettysburg Address.

L-R: Hoyt, John, Elva, Blanche, Sidney, and Minnie.

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The young soldier somehow made it to the cemetery to hear the president's speech. He even shook hands with the president!

After the close of the Civil War, John wanted to see more of the United States. He traveled west, settled in Kansas and worked on a cattle ranch for the next six years. Returning to Ohio, he courted and married seventeen-year-old Miss Sidney Clark on August 31, 1875.

The couple was blessed with nine children, seven of whom survived. Their children were: Elmon, Marcus, Blanche C., Elva, Clyde (who would later serve as a chaplain in France in World War I), Minnie and Hoyt. After his marriage, John was engaged in agricultural and mercantile pursuits in Jackson County.

In 1894, he bought land in Deercreek Township south of Williamsport, Ohio. He and his older sons built a large farmhouse, barn and tenant house. Sidney had not been well and in 1895, she passed away. The oldest daughter, Blanche, was thirteen years old.

John remarried in 1897 to Margaret Riley. Three children were born to this union. They were: Ina, Glenn and Elsie. John farmed until his declining health forced him to retire to Williamsport. John Collins Terry died in 1911 of complications from a cold and nephritis. It was said that John Terry was a quiet and unpretentious man, known for his thoughtfulness, honesty and integrity. He was a devoted husband, father and a caring neighbor.

Blanche was married in 1903 to Jesse C. Rose. He grew up in Ross County, Ohio. Jesse and Blanche farmed the farm until they retired in 1945 and moved to Williamsport. Their only son, Charles Wendell, married Clarabel Rihl in 1932. They had two children: Jeanna and Byron W. Rose. Charles and Clarabel lived on the farm all their lives. Charles died in 1987, Clarabel in 1993.

Jeanne was married to Cooke Metzger in 1953. They are the parents of four children. Byron married Karen Nolon in 1965. They have one son. After the death of his grandmother, Darren and Susan Metzger purchased the farm and moved there with their two young sons. They opened a greenhouse to grow hydroponic tomatoes.

The farm is somewhat smaller now, but the house and farm has been lived in and worked continuously by descendants of John and Sidney Clark Terry.

Great grandpa would be proud!

-Submitted by Jeanne Rose Metzger

JOSEPH EDWIN TOMLINSON FAMILY

Joseph Edwin Tomlinson, the son of Charles L. Tomlinson, Jr. and Barbara Salyers Tomlinson, was born on September 8, 1950 in Berger Hospital, Circleville. He worked at Bingman's Drug Store during high school and was one of the last people out of the building before a bomb destroyed it on April 15, 1967. He graduated from Circleville High School in 1969. He is a graduate of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, and worked at the Third National Bank as loan officer and later as vice president. While living in Circleville, Joseph was active in the Jaycees, Pickaway County Historical Society, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pumpkin Show Parade Committee and the American Cancer Society. He was instrumental in the fundraising efforts for the Ted Lewis Museum's garden. Joseph's father, mother and grandfather, Charles L. Tomlinson, Sr. (aka "Roy") were independent businesspeople in Circleville. Chuck was a Circleville policeman and later owned the Tomlinson Welding Company (later Woods Welding). Barbara owned the South Court Street Beauty Salon and Roy owned Tomlinson Electric. Joe had one brother, Charles L. Tomlinson III. On March 16, 1973 at St. Joseph Church, Joe married Kathryn Anne Frericks.

Kathy was born on Easter Sunday, March 25, 1951 to Edward John Frericks and Patricia Garvey Frericks at Berger Hospital. She was the oldest of ten children (Mark, Tom, Mary, Anne, Sue, John, David, Jim and Matt). After graduating from Circleville High School in 1969, she became a nurse who worked at Berger Hospital. She started the first critical care unit at the hospital with bequeathed monies from the Noecker family. She also taught classes to both the Circleville and Ashville Emergency Squads in the 1970s. She later worked for J.M. Hedges, MD, Inc. Kathy was active in Junior Women's Club, Child Conservation League and the American Heart Association. Kathy's great uncle, Tom Gilliland who lived on Pinckney Street, started the Circleville Lumber Company, which was later owned by her father.

Joe and Kathy have three children, Andy (1976), Emily (1980) and Michael (1985). They owned the Caleb Atwater home at the corner of Pickaway and Franklin Street from 1973 to 1975 and later lived at 830 Atwater Avenue before moving to Middletown, Ohio in 1979. They lived in Middletown for 14 years then moved to Coral Springs, Florida until 2004 when they moved to Greensboro, North Carolina where Joe is part-owner and vice president of S. Larose, Inc., a world-wide distributor of watch and clock parts.

-Submitted by Joe Tomlinson

TOOTLE FARM & FAMILY

"Part of Survey 446, beginning at a Burr oak and south eighty degrees and east three poles to a stake in the Chillicothe Road, containing one hundred seventy seven acres of land..." Such was the description of the Wayne Township, Pickaway County land purchased by James Tootle on June 3, 1859 for the sum of six thousand two hundred dollars "in hand" or thirty-five dollars per acre.

More of the land was cleared and drained. A two-story log cabin was erected before Edward Tiffin Tootle, son of James Tootle, married Sarah Belle Fulton of Frankfort and came to live on the farm in 1871. "E.T.," as he was known, raised a family of five children to adulthood even though his wife died at the birth of the fifth. He managed the farm and built the new farm dwelling on State Route 104 in 1891. At the turn of the century, his son James Robert Tootle married Mary Sue Lutz and took over the responsibilities of producing grain, cattle and hogs with a strict four-year rotation being an important management practice.

In 1944 Dick Tiffin Tootle, son of James Robert and grandson of Edward Tiffin, married

Home built by Edward Tifton Tootle in 1891. Now known as 28233 State Route 104.

Ruth Cryder from Hallsville, Ohio and they moved to this land. Research developments in seeds, fertilizers, chemicals and machinery launched a new era on the farm. Abundant crops of corn, wheat, soybeans and some beef and dairy production changed "just being a farmer" to being an agricultural businessman. A good mix of farming, politics, community service and travel were the assets of a farm background for their two sons. Thomas Franklin Tootle, born in 1946, an attorney in Circleville, married Barbara Wellington of Orchard Park, New York. They have a daughter Molly Kristen and son Matthew Scott. Dr. Robert M. Tootle, born in 1950, a dentist in Circleville, married Constance Bowers of our town. Their children are Brian Robert, Megan Louise and Adam James.

For fifty-six years, Dick and Ruth lived in the home built by "E.T." in 1891 and farmed the original land along with acquired acres. Ruth taught school for 15 years during that time and Dick served as Pickaway County Commissioner for two terms and then in the Ohio Department of Agriculture as Xhief of Division of Plant Industry and Assistant Director of Agriculture.

In the summer of 2000 it was time to keep the farm but move into Circleville and turn the operations over to a young farmer who raises corn, wheat and soybeans using new technology and practices.

-Submitted by Dick Tiffin Tootle

TRAPP FAMILY

Clinton W. (Bill) Trapp and Pearl Margaret (Becker) Trapp and their family moved to Pickaway County in the spring of 1968. They had previously lived in Franklin County. They were moving because the city of Columbus had bought their farm for clearance for the Bolton Airport on the southwest side of Columbus. The Trapps moved onto the Van Camp Farm located on State Route 22 west of Williamsport.

They had four children—Jo Ann, Donald William, Lewis Elvin and Joseph Robert Trapp. Jo Ann graduated from Pleasant View High School in 1967. Donald graduated from Pleasant View High School in 1968. Lewis graduated from Westfall in 1970 and Joe graduated from Westfall in 1979.

Bill had quit high school in 1941 to join the Navy and fight in World War II. He served on the U.S.S. Tennessee. He was discharged in 1946.

He and Pearl were married January 25, 1948. They first lived on State Route 665 near Hellbranch Run until 1953. Then they moved to Alkire Road and stayed there until their moved to Pickaway County. All of his life Bill had been a farmer and Pearl, a homemaker. They are well known in both Franklin and Pickaway Counties.

In 1970 Jo Ann married Richard Ray Reisinger of Williamsport. Together they had 3 sons. They are: Rex Allen Reisinger born on March 18, 1972, Casey T. Reisinger born on March 3, 1977 and Robert Ray Reisinger born April 12, 1981. They divorced in 1986. Jo Ann is now married to Paul Wendell Azbell of Williamsport near where they reside. They were married July 27, 1999. Jo Ann was a first grade teacher at Monroe Elementary until 2002 when she retired from Westfall School District. Paul is involved in farming and driving a semi truck. The two of them enjoy antique tractor pulling locally, statewide and nationally.

Trapp Family. 1993

Donald married Marie Anice Rhinesmith of Williamsport in 1969. Together they had two sons. They are Brian Anthony Trapp, born February 26, 1970 and Ryan Trapp, born in 1973. They were divorced in 1979.

Donald is now married to Beverly (Phelps) Trapp. They were married May 10, 1980. Donald and Bev now live near Grove City, Ohio. Don was a tool and die maker for Timken's of Columbus. He is now retired from that job and is still working.

Lewis married Christy Lintner of Circleville in 1972. They are the parents of Amy Lou Trapp, born October 3, 1972. While married to Christy, Lewis worked on the Lintner dairy farm for his father-in-law, Don Lintner. They divorced in 1984. Lewis is now married to Mary (Barnhouse) Trapp. They were married on Mary's birthday, December 19, 1998. They now reside in South Bloomfield, Ohio. Lewis is a truck driver for Overnight Trucking Lines of Columbus, Ohio.

Joe married Sherri (Fowler) in 1993. They lived near Stoutsville and then near Amanda until their divorced in 2000. They did not have any children. Joe works as a mechanic for the Downtown Post Office of Columbus.

-Submitted by Jo Ann (Trapp) Azbell

GEORGE WASHINGTON TRIMMER FAMILY

George Washington Trimmer was born March 6, 1841, the son of Daniel (1801-1874) and Charity (1803-1876) Gulick/ Eulick Trimmer, who immigrated to Ward Township, Hocking County, Ohio from Morris County, New Jersey, with the first of their eight children, Mary Ann, Joseph, Abraham, Johnson, Conrad and Henry. George and his sister Catherine were both born on the family farm in Ward Township near the church that Daniel and his sons helped construct. Although the church just outside Murray City has long since vanished, the location of the first churchyard is marked by Salem Hollow Cemetery, the final resting place of George's parents, his grandmother Elizabeth Trimmer (1769-1855) and many other relatives.

George Washington Trimmer enlisted in Co. H, 62nd Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry at the age of 19 in Hocking County. He rendered three years service, progressing to the rank of sergeant by the age of 21. He fought in six major battles and received a hip wound during one. While engaged in the siege of Fort Wagner he suffered a heat stroke that rendered him unconscious on the battlefield. He subsequently collected a pension for the debilitating effects of his service.

Mr. Trimmer faithfully kept a diary during his Civil War service. At the end of each month he would painstakingly copy his diary entries and mail the copy home to his family with the instructions to "salt this down." From that historical record, on July 18, 1863, Mr. Trimmer recorded that he watched a "Negro regiment" lead the charge in the siege of Fort Wagner. Later that evening he had the unhappy duty of helping to remove the bodies from the battlefield. Those undoubtedly included the men of the Massachusetts 54th led by Robert Gould Shaw, who also gave his life that day, and is now memorialized in the movie, *Glory*.

George Washington Trimmer Family. The Trimmer family on the porch of the Trimmer Homestead, Trimmer Road, Washington Twp, Pickaway County, OH. L-R: Bertha Jane Trimmer, Daniel Boone Trimmer, George Washington Trimmer, Walter H. Trimmer, George Charles Trimmer, Campsy Belle Trimmer, Priscilla Ball Trimmer, and James W. Trimmer.

After his honorable discharge on November 23, 1864, Mr. Trimmer returned to Ohio, married Priscilla Elnora Ball of Hocking County on March 20, 1870, and later moved to Stronghurst, Illinois, where he farmed for 13 years. He returned to farm in Pickaway County and settled on what is now

known as Trimmer Road off Stoutsville Pike. His farm is one of the few in the county to remain in the continuous possession of his family for more than a century.

George and Priscilla Ball Trimmer had 7 children—Bertha Jane, born December 27, 1870, died July 24, 1960; Ora M., born July 28, 1872, died March 13, 1875; Daniel Boone, born December 24, 1874, died December 22, 1967; Walter H., born October 28, 1876, died 1941; Campsy Belle, born August 27, 1879, died July 3, 1961; George Charles, born October 26, 1881, died May 30, 1964 and James W., born October 23, 1884, died April 4, 1941.

Of these Trimmer siblings, only three left descendants. Campsy Belle relocated to Montana and married Lawrence L. Dixon December 14, 1914. Their two daughters were Ruth Ellen who married Harry Cameron, and Leona who married Ralph Mann. George Charles married Ethel Christina Runkle on February 9, 1907. They were the parents of four daughters, all born on the Trimmer Farm: Priscilla Runkle Trimmer, who married Eugene Hommon on December 22, 1934; Constance Louise, who married Eugene Mowery on October 26, 1941; Marjorie Ann, who married Bernard Edward Smith on April 26, 1946; and Norma Jean who married Lloyd E. Minor on March 19, 1945. James W. Trimmer married Myrtle May Angel on June 24, 1920. They had one son, James Byron Trimmer who married Thelma B. Winner on August 3, 1943.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer lived out the remainder of their years enjoying the love of their family and quietly serving their community. An active member of Groce Post, GAR #156, Mr. Trimmer served as Vice Commander. In 1936 he was chosen as Honorary Marshal of the Memorial Day parade, celebrating his distinction of being the last living Civil War Veteran from the Circleville post of the GAR. He died shortly thereafter on February 2, 1937 in his 96th year having served God, family and country well. He is buried in Forest Cemetery beside his wife who preceded him in death on January 17, 1907.

-Submitted by Linda Minor Coleman

AMIEL TROUTMAN

Amiel G. Troutman was born January 25, 1839 in Germany to Michael and Elizabeth (Weaver) Troutman. Amiel married Mary Ellen Larey on November 6, 1860 in Pickaway County, Ohio. She was born June 7, 1837 and died April 19, 1914. Amiel died December 31, 1915 and was buried next to his wife in Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Their first two children, Harriet Florence and Eugenua Medola, were buried at Shilo Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio. Other children of Amiel and Mary were Oriel Francis, born January 3, 1864, Cora, born about 1866, William, born about 1868, Homer, born April 19, 1870 and Jesse, born July 2, 1875.

Cora married Isaac Phillips on November 6, 1886 and died November 13, 1893 in Pickaway County. Homer married Ora B. Nigh on June 26, 1894. Homer died in 1932 and his wife died September 9, 1958 in Franklin County, Ohio. They are buried in Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Jesse married Minnie Riggin on April 12, 1894 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Jesse served in World War I. Jesse died July 9, 1955 and Minnie died October 1945 with burials in Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Ohio. William went to Iowa, married Dora Fenerod and raised their children Gladys, Harriet, Cora, Eunice, Lee, Louise, William, James and Miriam.

Oriel Francis, known as Frank, married Mame Florence Elliott on November 27, 1894 in Pickaway County. Mame was born January 3, 1866 to James Elliott and Rebecca Leach. Frank died October 11, 1947 and Mame died April 16, 1949. They are buried in the Darbyville Cemetery, Pickaway County. Their children were Frederic, Glenn, Grace, Frances, Cecil and Ruth.

Frederic L. (Freddy) was born February 2, 1896 and died May 13, 1958. Glenn was born April 11, 1900 and died July 30, 1959. Ruth Rebecca was born September 25, 1907 and died December 20, 1991. Freddy, Glenn and Ruth are buried in Darbyville Cemetery.

Grace Marie was born November 2, 1901 and died November 8, 1996. She married John Robert Puffinbarger on July 24, 1922. John, born May 14, 1895, was the son of Charles Fremont and Fannie (Campbell) Puffinbarger. John passed away on June 25, 1975. Grace and John are buried in Springlawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Ohio. Their children were Virginia Rose and Mary Alice.

Frances was born April 11, 1903 and died December 16, 1996. She married Lloyd Neff who was born May 25, 1904 and died May 15, 2003. They are buried in Darbyville Cemetery. Their children are Betty, Francis William "Bill," Sue, Ann and Nancy.

Cecil was born July 6, 1905 and died December 28, 1981. He married Blanche Peterson who was the daughter of Ira Peterson and Laura Tracy. Blanche was born on June 23, 1912 and died December 21, 1986. Cecil and Blanche are buried in Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Their children are Marilyn and Carolyn.

Many of Amiel and Mary's grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue to live in or near Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Nancy "Schein" Hurley

REV. DR. G. J. & ALICE TROUTMAN

A second-year student from the seminary at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, preached at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Circleville. The Rev. G.J. Troutman was that student and five years later, in July 1898, he was installed as pastor of Trinity. Thus began a pastoral ministry at Trinity that lasted forty-three years until his retirement in 1941.

George John Troutman was born in Butler, Pennsylvania on April 15, 1868, the only son of George Adam (born in 1840 in Stuttgart, Germany and died in 1913 in Butler, Pennsylvania) and Wilhemina Lutz (born in 1848 in Germany and died in 1930 in Butler, Pennsylvania) Troutman. A sister, Mary Augusta ("Mamie"), was born in Butler, Pennsylvania on January 12, 1884. On April 12, 1908 she married Richard Paul Fellmeth (1883-1953). The Fellmeths had one child, a daughter, Anna Marie (1916-1994), who married the Rev. William Nehrenz in 1953. Richard Fellmeth became an invalid due to a stroke and the Rev. Troutman had the family move to Circleville where he could provide some care for them

Rev. Dr. G.J. Troutman.

George John (G.J.) graduated from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio in 1892 and from the seminary there in June 1895. He served the Greenville, Pennsylvania parish consisting of four congregations for two and a half years before accepting the call to Circleville, Ohio. There were fewer than 300 confirmed members at Trinity when he arrived and on the occasion of his fortieth ordination anniversary, the confirmed membership was 960 with a baptized membership of over 1,200.

Under his leadership, a new church was built in 1902 and a parish home was built in 1928. His elder son, George L. Troutman was ordained in 1929 and became the assistant pastor to his father at Trinity.

The Rev. G.J. Troutman served the church in other capacities. For twelve years he was the president of the English District of the Joint Synod of Ohio and for twenty years served on the Home Mission Board of the American Lutheran Church. He served on the Board of Trustees of Capital University for nine years. In 1930 Capital University honored him by bestowing upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. When he retired in 1941 it was said that Dr. Troutman baptized, confirmed, married and buried more persons than any other pastor in Pickaway County.

Following his graduation from the seminary in 1895, Dr. Troutman married Alice Jeannette Bowman (born 1874 in Columbus, Ohio and died in 1931 in Circleville, Ohio) and they had three children—Mary Evangeline (1903-1964, married the Rev. George Schuster 1927); George Luther (1904-1983, married Vera Irene Walters 1929, married Margie Florence Merz 1963); and Gladden John (1907-1980, married Roma Lucille Melvin 1939).

Following an illness of several years, Dr. Troutman passed away on January 22, 1945 at the age of seventy-six. He was survived by his three children and their spouses, nine grandchildren and one niece. He was buried alongside his wife in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

-Submitted by granddaughters Ruth Troutman Bockelman and Joyce Troutman Day

JOHN GLADDEN TROUTMAN & ROMA LUCILLE MELVIN TROUTMAN

John Gladden Troutman was born on April 19, 1907 in Circleville, Ohio, the son of the Rev. Dr. G.J. and Alice Bowman Troutman. After graduating from Circleville High School in 1925, he attended Capital University. He was known by his middle name, Gladden, or many people around town called him Gonny. He worked for many years delivering milk for the Blue Ribbon Dairy, Circleville, Ohio, seven days a week. In 1942 he was employed by North American Aviation doing aircraft construction on the assembly line. He retired in 1970.

John Gladden and Roma Mmelvin Troutman Family 1965. 1st row: Teresa, Rona and Gladden. 2nd row: David, Norma and John.

On December 3, 1939 at the age of 32, Gladden married Roma Lucille Melvin, daughter of Herbert and Ora Melvin of Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. They resided on East Union Street, Circleville, Ohio for their 40 years of marriage and raised their four children there. Their children are John Gladden, Jr., married to Christine Paullin of Loudonville and has two daughters Amy and Lori. Linda Ofenbacher of Dayton and had two children, Kevin and Karen. Daughters are Norma Ruth, married to William Meyers and have three children, Timothy, Tina and Krista. Teresa Ann married to Gary Hayworth of Fairfax, Virginia and has two children, Ryan and Cindy.

Gladden's life centered around his church, Trinity Lutheran, Circleville, his family and his love of music and drama. Gladden served many years in the Lutheran church choir, church council, Lutheran Brotherhood, and taught adult Sunday school classes. He directed many plays with the young adults of Trinity church and in his retirement years performed with the Roundtown Players. He participated in mostly musical productions, playing lead roles. He was often asked to perform small skits, a saying from memory or a song dance routine for the community and church. He did a rendition of Ted Lewis' performance of "Me and my Shadow." His first shadow was George Cockerham and in later years his grandchildren Kevin and Karen performed as his shadow.

In the community, Gladden was a member of the Circleville Kiwanis Club and served on City Council for three years plus his involvement with the Roundtown Players.

Having a heart disease, Gladden passed away on March 3, 1980 at the age of 72. His funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran church and burial at Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

At this writing, Gladden is survived by his wife, Roma, residing at Brown Memorial. Roma was born in Jackson Township, Pickaway County on August 15, 1915 and graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1933. She was a full-time mother and homemaker. She and Gladden were team players in raising their family and their involvement in the church. She worked for sixteen years (1960-1976) in the Circleville High School cafeteria and as city schools cafeteria manager. Gladden is also survived by his four children, their spouses, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Three of their grandchildren, Timothy, Kevin and Karen are deceased.

-Submitted by his daughter Norma Ruth Troutman Meyers

REV. GEORGE LUTHER & VERA IRENE TROUTMAN

George Luther Troutman was born in Circleville, Ohio on November 6, 1904, the son of the Rev. Dr. G.J. and Alice Bowman Troutman. After graduating from Circleville High School in 1922 he attended Capital University. When he graduated with his sister, Evangeline in 1926, he was the youngest person to ever graduate from that institution. He attended the seminary at Capital University and after graduating in 1929 was called to serve as assistant pastor to his father at Trinity Lutheran Church. He served in that capacity until his father's retirement in 1941 when he was designated as the pastor of the church. Under his leadership Trinity Lutheran Church continued to be a strong congregation in the Circleville community. "Rev. George," as he was affectionately called, also served Christ Lutheran Church, Lick Run. When he resigned in 1954 there had been a Troutman serving as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church for nearly fifty-six years.

In 1929 he married Vera Irene Walters of Circleville, a teacher, the daughter of Jacob and Ida Mae Edgington Walters. Their first child, Vera Marilyn, was born in 1932 and passed away in 1933. Their other three children grew up in Circleville and were active in sports and music. Ruth Madilyn married The Rev. Paul L. Bockelman of Napoleon, Ohio and they have four children, Debra (Mrs. Stan) Schmidt, Paul Dean, Mark and Tim. George Emerson, who passed away in 1974, married Charlene Smith of Groveport and their children were Marla (Mrs. Jeff) Baker, George Allen and Melea (Mrs. Steve) Wachtman. Joyce Esther married Theron Cromwell of Columbus, Ohio and they have three sons—Jeffrey, Jonathan and Jeremy. Joyce later married Ronald Day of Livonia, Michigan.

Vera, his wife of thirty-three years, passed away at the age of sixty in 1962 and she was buried in Zion Cemetery, Obetz, Ohio. He then married Margie Florence Merz of Circleville, the daughter of Harry Jacob and Florence Eva Spyers Merz, in 1963.

Rev. George served Zion Lutheran Church, Groveport and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waldo, before retiring in 1970. He had served in the parish ministry for over forty years. He and his wife then moved to Largo, Florida. There he continued serving the church by preaching and assisting at area churches and also served as an interim pastor for a time in Warner-Robbins, Georgia.

Back row: Rev. George Luther and Vera Irene Troutman. Front Row: George Emerson, Ruth (Bockelman), and Joyce (Day).

After an illness of several years, Rev. George passed away on November 15, 1983 at the age of 79. His funeral was held at Zion Lutherab Church, Groveport, and he was buried in Zion Cemetery, Obetz. His wife, Margie, passed away on May 16, 1992. Her funeral was also held in Zion Lutheran Church and she, too, was buried in Zion Cemetery, Obetz.

Rev. George is survived by his two daughters and their spouses and daughter-in-law. At this writing, he has ten grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

-Submitted by daughters Joyce Troutman Day and Ruth Troutman Bockelman

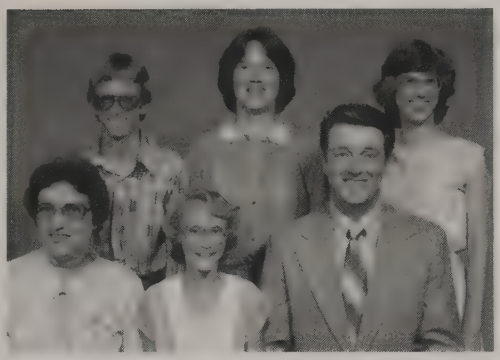
DENNIS PATRICK TULLY FAMILY

Dennis Patrick Tully was born February 5, 1939 in Baltimore, Maryland. He met Mary Ellen Goeller on a blind date in 1959 while he was stationed at Lockbourne Air Base (now Rickenbacker). After his discharge from the Air Force in 1961 he moved to Circleville.

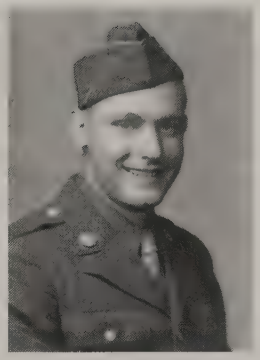
Mary Ellen was born July 1, 1940 to Dr. Joseph and Mabel Goeller. After high school she moved to Columbus, attended a medical lab school for one year, then worked at Mt. Carmel Hospital until shortly before the birth of the first child.

Dennis and Mary Ellen were married in 1962 at St. Joseph Church. They moved to Joe and Mabel Goeller's first home place on East Franklin Street in 1963. Their first child was a stillborn boy, born June 1963. Kathleen was born in 1964, Barbara was born in 1966, Patrick in 1967 and Janet in 1970. Their last child was a boy born in November 1977, but lived only one day.

Even though Dennis was not a "local" boy, (even after living here for 39 years), he loved living in Circleville and never regretted not returning to Baltimore. He coached Little League Baseball and then girls' softball for many years.



Dennis P. Tully Family, 1981. L-R, front: Mary Ellen Tully, Janet and Dennis P. Back: Patrick, Barbara, and Kathleen



James Isreal Valentine, Jr. 1942

With a little help, he built the ball diamonds at the fairgrounds. Besides working at DuPont, he also did many home repairs, home additions, built cabinets, etc., all around the Circleville area.

When the youngest child, Janet, was 11 years old, Mary Ellen returned to work. She still works for Circleville City Schools as a secretary.

Dennis died in 2000. Mary Ellen still lives in the East Franklin Street home.

-Submitted by Mary Ellen Tully

VALENTINE FAMILY HISTORY

Johan George Valentine (1715-1783) was born in or near Mutterstadt, German Palatinate, in 1715. He immigrated to America via Rotterdam, Holland and Plymouth, England on the sailing ship *St. Andrew*. On September 9, 1749, he swore an oath to the government in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He settled in Frederick County, Maryland and was listed as a "joyner." On March 13, 1752 he was granted fifty acres. In 1752 John married Anna Magaret Mathis, who had emigrated from German Palatinate in August 1733. They had five children. A son, Jacob Valentine (1753-1832), on August 28, 1770 attended a meeting, which protested the Stamp Act. In 1775 he was a corporal and sergeant in Captain Benjamin Ogle's 4th Company. In 1779 Jacob married Anna Mary Freeze (1761-1824). He and his wife had ten children.

A son, John Valentine (1780-1845), in 1800 made horseback trips to Ohio from Maryland. John married Margaret Zieger (1781-1826) in 1804 and bought land in Pickaway County from his father-in-law, Jacob Zieger, in 1805. John and Margaret had five children.

A son, Israel Valentine (1819-1903) of Circleville Township, married Caroline Stout (1822-1887) in 1841. They had 11 children.

A son, James Henry Valentine (1851-1936) married Priscilla Kate Cromley (1855-1942). In 1881 they bought a farm in Harrison Township, Pickaway County. In 1894 he was president of the Citizen's Bank of Ashville and in 1906 he was director of the Ashville Banking Company, which later became the Ashville Bank, which is now a branch office of the Savings Bank. James and Priscilla had four children—James, William Mary and Hattie.

Son James Israel Valentine (1884-1933) married Jenny Caroline Shook (1890-1958). He was a farmer and lived on the family farm in Harrison Township, Ashville, Ohio. He and Jenny had two sons, Oscar and James.

Son James Israel Valentine Jr. (1923-1992) was a farmer. On June 25, 1942 he entered into active service in the U.S. Army. James was an AAA machine gun crewman in Battery B 195th Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion. The battles and campaigns in which he participated were Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge) and Central Europe. He was discharged from the army on November 2, 1945 and returned to the family farm in Harrison Township. James married Elizabeth Jane Fisher (1925-2004) in 1947. James and Elizabeth had three sons—James Israel (1948), Larry Alan (1950), and Brian Lee (1952). Larry and Brian currently own, operate and reside on the farm, which has been in the family since 1881. The farm is located at 12246 Ashville Pike, Ashville, Pickaway County. Son James has two children, Christopher and Kandice.

-Submitted by Larry Valentine

DAVID E. WALTERS FAMILY

David Emerson Walters was born in Circleville, Ohio on November 10, 1927. He graduated from Circleville High School, Circleville, in 1945 and attended Capital University in Columbus, Ohio before taking over his father's grocery on Franklin and Washington Streets in Circleville. He married Sarah Grace (Sally) Riley of Chillicothe, Ohio in Greenup, Kentucky on October 20, 1948. They had a church wedding in Chillicothe on January 1, 1949; at this writing (December 2004) they have celebrated 111 wedding anniversaries.

Dave and Sally are strongly committed to their church. In 1958 they sold the family grocery and went to Madang, New Guinea where they served as Lutheran missionaries for six years. On returning from New Guinea, they lived in St. Petersburg, Florida for two years, where Dave ran a Presbyterian retirement home. In 1966 they returned to Circleville where Dave managed a convenience store and then a lumberyard in Ashville, Ohio. In 1968 Dave went to work for the Evangelical Good Samaritan Society. He was administrator of their nursing home in Fennimore, Wisconsin for several years before joining their headquarters in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He retired in 1989. Dave and Sally now live in Kissimmee, Florida.

Dave and Sally were blessed with five children. David Eric was born in Circleville on January 20, 1951; Jon Christy born in Circleville September 9, 1952; Vicki Lynn born in Madang, New Guinea on September 17, 1960; Brad James born in Madang, New Guinea on March 6, 1964 and died September 10, 1995; Angela Christine born in Circleville on December 14, 1966.

-Submitted by D. Eric Walters

JACOB & IDA MAE (EDGINGTON) WALTERS

Jacob Walters, born in 1861, came from Gallia County, Ohio (southeast of Pickaway County) and was the son of Ansel Walter I and Sarah Elizabeth (Colwell/Caldwell). He worked on the Baum Family farm, which was located near the Ashville area. It was while working on the farm that he met and fell in love with Ida Mae Edgington.

Jacob and Ida Mae Walters

Ida Mae was born in April of 1870 in Ross, Ohio. Her mother, Sarah (Pugh/Pew), died when she was only two years old. When she was six, her father, John Edgington, gave her to the Baum family to work on their farm and to raise as one of their own.

Years later, when Jacob first met Ida, she came to the barn with his lunch and threw him an apple. He later commented to other workers that she would be the one who would become his wife someday.

Jacob's dream came true and Mr. Baum happily signed for both of them when they were married at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ashville, Ohio in October 1888.

As husband and wife, Jacob and Ida Mae unfortunately had several children who didn't live after their birth. They were, however, blessed with seven children who lived to adulthood: Ansel III, year of birth unknown; Lottie Murle, born August 5, 1891; John Wesley, born February 26, 1895; Martin Luther Sr., born May 18, 1897; Festus Harold, born October 6, 1898; Vera Irene, born October 25, 1901, and wife of George Luther Troutman III; and Ida May, born April 6, 1909, and wife of Thomas Hedges.

It is uncertain the exact year that Jacob and Ida Mae moved to Pickaway County. But it is recorded that all of their children were born in Pickaway County, with the exception of Ansel.

Regarding the last name of Walters...Jacob's father was named Ansel Walter I (no "s"). We don't know if it was an accidental change when the "s" was added or if it was an intentional act of Jacob and Ida Mae.

-Submitted by Christina Irene Steel

JOHN W. WALTERS FAMILY

John Wesley Walters was born in Duvall, Ohio on February 26, 1895 and went through the fourth grade, when he had to leave school and work on the farm. On August 30, 1919 he married Christena Helwagon, who was born in Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County on June 21, 1898. He worked for C.O. Leist, a grocer on North Court Street in Circleville, and then for Barnhill Drycleaners on South Court Street, Circleville. His love for the grocery business brought him to open his own business on East Main Street in 1927. He later expanded the store to the corner of Franklin and Washington Streets.

John and "Chrissie" were blessed with three children. Dorothea Ellen was born August 7, 1920 in Circleville. She married Charles Robert Norman in Newark, Ohio on August 9, 1939. She expired on May 8, 1995. Paul Wesley was born April 26, 1922 in Circleville. He married Martha Ann Peters in Richmond, Indiana on May 30, 1948. He expired on April 8, 1989. David Emerson was born November 10, 1928 in Circleville. He married Sarah Grace (Sally) Riley of Chillicothe, Ohio in Greenup, Kentucky on October 20, 1948.

John was very involved with his church and highly respected in the business community of Circleville for his honest and fair dealings. No one ever left his store hungry. He was on the route of all "hobos" who knew him by name.

The oddity of John and Chris' marriage and lives was in their both expiring on the same date three years apart, and both at the age of 59.

-Submitted by David E. Walters

SAMUEL & ELLEN WILSON WARD FAMILY

Samuel Ward was born on November 4, 1837 in Dudley, Worcestershire, England and came to this country in 1849. In speaking of his trip across the ocean he said it took his sailing ship nine weeks to cross. The vessel was blown off its course and like Christopher Columbus, the first land sighted was the West Indies. He settled in Rantoul, Illinois. On January 3, 1860 he married Miss Ellen Wilson, who was born May 16, 1841 in Belfast, Ulster County, Ireland and came to the same town.

Shortly after their marriage, the War Between the States broke out. Mr. Ward, who was enlivened by the patriotic speeches of the then young lawyer Abraham Lincoln, enlisted in the Tenth Illinois Cavalry, in which he served sixteen months. After his discharge he returned to his home. Mr. Ward soon met up with James Emmitt of Waverly, Ohio and Chillicothe, Ohio, who owned a successful distillery in Waverly. Mr. Emmitt had just purchased a fine saddle horse and was looking for someone to ride it back to Waverly. Mr. Ward was chosen, as he was an experienced rider, having just returned from the service as a cavalryman in the army. He rode the horse across three states to Chillicothe. Mr. Emmitt took a liking to Mr. Ward and insisted that he remain in Ohio.

Ellen and Samuel Ward. Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Ward will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on Park Place on January 2, 1910. They were married at Rantoul, IL on January 3, 1860. They became the parents of six children, four of whom are living. (Photo taken by Tida Studio, Circleville, 1909.)

Mrs. Ward in speaking of some of her early experiences said that transportation in the days when she first came to Ohio was rather crude. She came to Circleville, Ohio by way of the Erie Canal and it took the boat twelve hours to come from Chillicothe to this city. Here, she joined her husband after leaving their home in Illinois.

Mr. Ward took up the study of telegraphy and was the first operator to read by sound. His first assignment was at Washington Court House, Ohio and then Lancaster, Ohio. He moved to Circleville in 1864 where he was named manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and held that position until 1884. After he resigned, he and his son-in-law, T.A. Boyle, formed the Insurance Company of Ward & Boyle in Circleville. After living in Circleville for some time, they built a house on Park Place where they resided until their death.

Samuel and Ellen were the parents of six children: Abbie, Nellie, Samuel, Lillian, Charlie and Ruby. The boys died at a very early age leaving four surviving daughters. Abbie married Frank Barr and they had four daughters: Nellie, Fern, Hazel and Florence. Nellie married T.A. Boyle and had two children: Ada and Arnold. Lillian married Harvey Rife and had five children: Lucille, Lillian, Ellen, George Arthur and Eugene. Ruby married William D. Wood and had three children: William, Louise and Charles Arnold.

Prior to marriage, Ruby learned the trade of telegrapher from her father and became very proficient. She had charge of the Postal Telegraph office in Circleville.

Charles Arnold Wood married Frances Patrick and they had two children: Mary Kay and Charles William, great grandchildren of Samuel and Ellen Ward and they reside in Pickaway County, Ohio. Charles William married Sharon Dawson and had four children: Megan, Anthony, Regina and Brenna. They are great-great-great grandchildren of the Wards and live in Pickaway County. The Ward's great-great-great grandchildren are Kody, Andrew, Anthony, Mariah, Shaylee and Felicity who also live in Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Mary Kay Wood

WILLIAM WARD FAMILY

William Ward, born December 25, 1743 in Hampshire, England and Nancy Ann Courtney, born March 4, 1745 in Scotland were united in marriage in 1775. To this union 8 children were born. In 1802, they left Pendleton County, Virginia with 7 of their children and settled in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio with three, four sons settling in Fairfield County, Ohio. William died November 28, 1814 in Walnut Township; Nancy, December 14, 1834. Both are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery, Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

James Ward, born October 7, 1786 in Virginia was married July 25, 1808 in Virginia to Mary Elizabeth Propst, born October 7, 1792 in Virginia. To this union 10 children were born. James died October 18, 1863 in Walnut Township; Elizabeth, April 13, 1877 in Walnut Township. Both are buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Rosa Payne Myers, 3rd great-granddaughter of William Ward, with husband William and 3 week old son William in 1915.

William Preston Ward, born September 18, 1809 in Virginia married June 10, 1829 in Fairfield County to Hannah Sabins, born October 20, 1810. William had 14 children, 7 with Hannah. William died July 8, 1889 in Walnut Township; Hannah, September 26, 1850. Both are buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Leander Ward, born May 30, 1836 married October 25, 1860 to Susannah Morris, born May 31, 1843. Leander married 3 times, had 10 children, 6 with Susannah. Leander died August 28, 1887 in Ashville; Susannah, May 21, 1874. Both are buried in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Emma Alice Ward, born July 14, 1863 in Pickaway County married January 21, 1894 to John Sherman Payne, born February 25, 1866 in Farm City, Illinois. To this union 5 children were born; Lillie, Rosa, Maggie, Millie and Thelma Florence. Emma Alice died April 16, 1943 in Ashville; John, January 28, 1930 in Ashville. Both are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery.

Rosa Adelia Payne, born December 1, 1896 in Ashville married July 24, 1913 to William Cleveland Myers, born February 28, 1892 in Chillicothe, Ohio, son of Joseph Washington Myers and Anna Alice Myers. To this union 13 children were born: William, John, Ralph, Thelma, Harold, Rosemma, Cleora, George, Orville, Russell, Karl, Walter and Suzanne. Rose died February 14, 1949 in Ashville; William, July 17, 1978 in Circleville. Both are buried in Reber Hill Cemetery.

Cleora Marie Myers, born September 3, 1928 in Ashville married December 1, 1946 in Ashville Charles Alfred Cordle, born June 24, 1926 in Ashland, Kentucky, son of Arbie Alfred Cordle and Ann Lykins. They still reside in Ashville, as do their 3 children; Carol Ann Webster, Charlene Marie Malone and Charles, Jr.

Charlene Marie Cordle, born September 18, 1951 in Circleville married December 1, 1971 in Ashville Charles Edward Malone, born March 13, 1947 in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, son of Mattie Katherine Malone. They have 2 children, 2 grandchildren all living in Pickaway County. Daughter, Christina Marie, born May 23, 1973 in Circleville married August 14, 1993 in South Bloomfield, Ohio David Gene Jordan. Son, Craig Michael, born September 16, 1978 in Circleville married July 24, 2004 in Ashville Kristi Lynn Gregory. Grandchildren are Hannah Marie, born January 11, 1996 and Christopher David Jordan, born March 2, 2000, both in Lancaster, Ohio.

-Submitted by Charlene Cordle Malone

WEAVER FAMILY

Jacob Weaver was born 19 December 1793 in Westmore County, Pennsylvania. On 17 September 1826 in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, he married Catherine Binheimer who was born in 1804 in Germany. They had a son, Abraham (Abram) L. born 7 September 1831 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Jacob died 29 April 1869 in Pickaway County and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. Catherine died 26 September 1890 and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

Abraham L. married Mary Ann Moore on 31 January 1864 in Pickaway County. They had a son. Earl Wayne born 3 June 1881. Mary Ann was born in 1844 in Pickaway county and died 29 February 1888 in Circleville and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville. Abraham died 14 October 1914 in Pickaway County and is buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville.

Earl Wayne moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 1901 or 1902 where he married Henrietta Amanda Husemeyer on 15 November 1909. They were the parents of 2 sons. The oldest son died 2 September 1947 in St. Louis and is buried at Sunset Hills Cemetery with his wife and oldest son. The second son, John, now resides in Texas.

-Submitted by John Weaver

CHARLES DAVID WEAVER FAMILY

Charles David Weaver was born June 14, 1941 in Hopetown, Ohio, the son of Ira and Abbie Ritter Weaver. Ira and Abbie came to Ross County from Barbour County, West Virginia to follow Ira's employment with the C&O Railroad. Charlie was one of seven children, his siblings being Ira, Jr., Raymond, Maxine, Forest, Gary and his twin, Shelby.

Charles & Darlene Weaver

After graduating from Centralia High School and following a stint in the U.S. Army, Charlie worked as a lab technician at Children's Hospital and graduated from Ohio State University as a mechanical engineer. He was employed by American Electric Power for 30 years, retiring as vice president in charge of operations.

Charlie was first married to Joy Whitaker of Chillicothe and to them were born two daughters: Jane, born August 15, 1963 and Beth, born July 26, 1966. Jane is a regional manager for McDonalds and lives in Denver, Colorado. Beth is an attorney for the State of Ohio and lives in Newark. Beth married Jerry Lewis and to them were born two daughters, Jamie, born February 19, 1982 and Jennifer, born February 16, 1987. Jamie will graduate from Ohio State University in the spring of 2005.

Darlene F. Poling, born June 10, 1944 to Martin and Virginia Jinks Poling, had two siblings, Vernon and Arla. Martin and Virginia ran a grocery store in Hallsville for many years. Darlene graduated from Centralia High School and, after graduation from Columbus Business University, began her career as a legal secretary. In 1965 she married Gary Pontious of Hallsville and to them was born one daughter, Melody Lynn, on November 5, 1968. Melody is a registered nurse employed by CHD Meridian, an Itrax Co., serving Mead Paper Co. employees and retirees. She married Danny Walters and they have two children, Nathaniel Casey, born May 1, 1993 and Cory Daniel, born November 7, 1995.

Darlene worked in Circleville as a paralegal for the law firms of Huffer and Huffer and Melody L. Steely. She graduated from Capital University as a paralegal in 1980. She was an originator of the Legal Secretaries Association and ran TransOhio Title Insurance Company during the 1980s.

On January 11, 1985 she married Charles David Weaver. After a transfer to New Haven, West Virginia, where Charlie was manager of the Mountaineer Power Plant, they returned to Circleville where they retired. Darlene serves as director of the Pickaway County Historical and Genealogical Library on a volunteer basis. Charlie enjoys golf and model shipbuilding.

-Submitted by Melody Walters.

ISAAC M. WEAVER

Sons of sons of carpenters

Cradles. Coffins. Houses and barns. For generations, Isaac M. Weaver and his descendants shuffled through the shavings of the carpenter's trade. Isaac was born March 23, 1830. He was a first generation Ohioan. His parents were Frederica (Fredy or Freedy) Miller and Henry Weaver. Isaac probably moved from Hocking County to Pickaway County between 1850 and 1857. He and Louisa Depenbaugh were married in Pickaway County on August 27, 1857. In 1860 the Weavers were living in Tarlton. They had five children. The eldest two children, William Henry and Mary Elisabeth, died during childhood. The surviving children were: Jessie Belle, Ida May and John Grant. On March 16, 1872, Louisa died. Isaac M. Weaver never remar-

Home of Isaac Weaver on East Franklin St. Circleville, OH. L-R: in chair is John William. Seated on grass is his sister Amy Weaver. Seated: Jessie Belle Weaver, daughter of Isaac. Seated on grass: Earl Isaac Weaver. All children are children of Isaac's son, John Grant Weaver. ca. 1903.

Abraham L. Weaver

Mary Ann Moore Weaver

Catherine Binheimer Weaver

ried. In 1871 Isaac purchased a lot on Franklin Street in Circleville. He built a house, set up a carpentry shop, and moved his three children there in 1872. On Franklin Street, Isaac taught his son how to work wood. Isaac was active in the Methodist Episcopal church until his death on February 20, 1913.

John Grant Weaver was born April 15, 1867. He married Minnie May Butler Flint on February 2, 1893. He bought a lot on Ohio Street and built a house there. They had four children. Like his father before him, two of John's children died young. He wrote in his diary:

"Russel Weaver Borne July 16th 1891 Died September 2nd, 1892 At 6 minutes After 9 AM

How sweet to think that on our eyes a lovelier clime shall yet arise that we will wake from sorrows dream beside a pure and living stream"

Daughter Amy Weaver died of tuberculosis at age 14. John and Minnie's surviving children were: Earl Isaac, born June 19, 1893; and John William, born June 14, 1898. John G. Weaver worked as a carpenter until his death on August 24, 1949. John Grant Weaver passed his hand tools and carpentry knowledge down to his two sons.

Carpenter's Mate Earl Isaac Weaver built biplanes for the U.S. Navy during World War I. He married Sadie A. Butler on July 9, 1917. Over the years, Earl and his sons built four houses on Half Avenue in Circleville. Always creating, Earl built a camp car—perhaps the first recreational vehicle in the county. "It was a Model A Ford. He took the top off of it and made a place for a stove and bed in the back. You could sleep in it." Earl and Sadie's children were: Harry Butler, twins Lucille and Lillian, Gloria Ann, Miriam, Aurdy, MaryBelle, Earl Jr., and Howard. Sadie also served as a mother figure to her nieces, nephews and neighborhood children. Earl I. Weaver passed away September 21, 1965. Sadie died June 17, 1981.

To this day, descendants of Isaac M. Weaver live in Pickaway County. And to this day, Pickaway Countians live in the houses they built and sit in the chairs they made.

-Submitted by Howard G. Weaver

DONALD & MARY ANNE WEIBEL

Donald and Mary Anne Weibel are the sixth generation of the family living on their farm in Section Two of Walnut Township. It has been passed down in the following way.

Peter Kroninger (1777-1837) and his wife Maria came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1808, when Ohio was primarily wilderness, and Pickaway County had not yet been formed. They reared eight children; two of their daughters married two Noecker brothers. Both Kroninger and Noecker ancestors had emigrated from Germany in the 1700s.

The Noecker brothers, John (1806-1888) and Henry (1810-1884), came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1832. Being orphaned at a young age, they had been bound out to learn a trade; John learned tinsmithing, and Henry, carpentry. Both worked in Columbus some years before coming to Pickaway County. John married Catherine Kroninger (1810-1886) in 1838 and settled on Kroninger land in Section 33, Madison Township, where they reared nine children. Henry married Maria Kroninger (1817-1879) in 1837, settled on Kroninger land Section 2, Walnut Township, and also reared nine children.

John Peter Noecker. 1850-1908

Front: William Madison and Elizabeth Weidinger Reid. Middle: Avis, Martha, Merle, Katheryn, and Pete. Back: Ray, Evelyn, and Paul.

Henry and Maria's farm was inherited by their sixth child, John Peter Noecker (1850-1908), who married Sarah Caroline Baum (1851-1933) in 1872. Sarah was the eldest child of Lewis and Elizabeth Baum, and granddaughter of Joseph Roof, the founding pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Madison Township. John and Sarah had two sons, Clarence (1874-1941) and Howard (1881-1958).

Clarence married Bertha Linette Wright (1880-1967) and they continued to live on the homestead until after the birth of their first child, John, in 1910. The following year they moved to Bertha's childhood home in Section 18, Madison Township, and lived with her parents, John Christian Wright (1841-1933) and Julia Kerns Wright (1848-1925). However, Clarence continued to farm the Walnut Township farm. Two more children, Chester Baldwin and Mary Louise, were reared by Clarence and Bertha.

John Wright Noecker continued to farm the homestead. In 1935 he married Helen Vienna Baker (1909-2003). They lived with her widowed mother, Laura Solt Baker, in the brick home built in 1874 by Helen's great-aunt and uncle, Martha and Harvey Trone, and Wright farmed this eighty acres in Section 22, as well as the Noecker farm only three miles away. Helen and Wright reared four children: Mary Anne, John Walter, Norma Lee and Nancy Joy.

In 1972 Mary Anne, husband Donald, and children David and Katherine moved back to Pickaway County and built a home on the family farm. Don joined his father-in-law in raising cattle, sheep and grains.

Down through the generations the family has been diligent in their stewardship of the land, conservative in their politics, and active in the life of the St. Paul Lutheran Church congregation.

-Submitted by Mary Ann Noecker Weibel

WILLIAM MADISON & ELIZABETH WEIDINGER REID FAMILY

The above picture is of the family of William Madison and Elizabeth Weidinger Reid. The children are: (in second row) Avis, Martha, Merle, Kathryn and Hortense, (in back row) Ray, Evelyn and Paul.

William Madison Reid was the son of John and Rebecca Reid of Williamsport, Pickaway County, Ohio. On August 17, 1893, he married Elizabeth Weidinger in Pherson, Pickaway County, Ohio. To them were born eight children: two sons—Ray P. and Paul B.—and six daughters—Evelyn, Merle, Avis, Martha, Kathryn and E. Hortense.

William Reid was a schoolteacher, starting in one-room schools and finishing his teaching at Jackson Township School. He gave over thirty years of his life to education. He was deputy treasurer and treasurer of Pickaway County and also served as a councilman of Circleville, Ohio.

Elizabeth W. Reid was a private teacher of the piano.

Ray, the oldest child, was a salesman for milling supplies. Paul was in retail, as was Evelyn.

Merle, Avis, Martha, and Kathryn all attended Wittenberg University and were teachers in our public schools. Eleanor Hortense attended Bliss Business College and retired from the Attorney General's office of Ohio.

Ray married Sylvia McManamy of Circleville, and they had one daughter, Dorothy D.

Paul married Ruth Swingle of Groveport, Ohio and they had a son William and a daughter Margaret. Evelyn married Harry E. Montelius and a daughter, Ruth Eleanor, was born to them. Merle married William E. Collins of Chillicothe, Ohio. Kathryn married Robert F. Bower of Circleville, Ohio. Hortense married Nelson H. Sweyer of Circleville, Ohio.

William M. Reid	1868-1949
Elizabeth Weidinger Reid	1873-1943
Ray P. Reid	1894-1965
Paul B. Reid	1897-1976
Evelyn R. Montelius	1895-1983
Merle R. Collins	1899-1997

Avis M. Sark	1902-1985
Martha E. Reid	1904-2003
Kathryn R. Bower	1906-1999
Eleanor Hortense Reid	1911-

-Submitted by Eleanor Hortense Reid

DENNIS L. WELCH

It wasn't a dray that brought this Welch family to Pickaway County, but a 1971 blue Volkswagen mini bus. The year was 1975 when Dennis, Carolyn and daughter Heather moved to Circleville from Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio. Dennis had just finished eight years of night school and one year of being a full time student to earn a bachelors degree in accounting from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. Dennis had accepted an accounting position with the Kenworth Truck Company, a new manufacturing plant in Ross County, Ohio. Dennis and Carolyn met in 1962 when he was serving in the USAF stationed at Lockbourne Air Base and she was a student at Ohio State University. They married in 1964. After military service, Dennis worked for Rimrock Inc., designing industrial robots. Carolyn worked for a Columbus financial institution and held an Ohio Real Estate license. One of their favorite hobbies at the time was road rallying. They were active members of the Scioto Sports Car Club.

Dennis Lee Welch, born January 1942 in Barberton, Summit County, Ohio, is the son of Forest Harold and Jennie Jereb Welch. His grandparents were John Jefferson and Myrtle Arbough Welch of Scioto County, Ohio and Vincent and Jennie Meden Yereb, immigrants from Skofja Loka, Yugoslavia.

Carolyn Ann, born September 1943 on the family dairy farm in Madison County, Ohio is the daughter of Donald Francis and Maybel Mae Grewell Elliott. Her grandparents were Edward and Sarah Evans Elliott of Brown Township, Franklin County and Wilbert and Nell Prose Grewell of Canaan Township, Madison County. The Elliott and Grewell families are direct descendants of Ohio pioneers Amos Clover and Jonathan Alder.

Heather Elliott Welch was born December 1971 in Columbus, Ohio. Heather has enjoyed the creative arts all of her life. She graduated from Circleville City Schools in 1990 and earned a bachelors degree in interior design from the University of Cincinnati. She holds National Council of Interior Design Qualifications, Leadership in Environment and Energy Design, IIDA, Professional Commercial Interior Design organization and Toastmaster. It was at the university that Heather met Aaron Mathew Dalton. Aaron was born March 1971 and is the son of James Aaron Dalton and Kathryn (Borton) Dalton Beachler of Dayton, Ohio. Aaron graduated Valedictorian from Belmont High School of Dayton, Ohio in 1989. He earned both a bachelor's and master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Cincinnati. Aaron enjoys problem solving and is an avid comic book collector. They married October 23, 1999 in San Antonio, Texas where they reside today.

Dennis retired in the fall of 2000 from Kenworth Truck Co. as a new product manager. Since retirement, Dennis has resumed a model airplane hobby and enjoys volunteering with the Canal Committee of the Pickaway County Historical Society. Carolyn continues her forty years of collecting and trading in the antiques business. She is the 2005 president of the Pickaway County Historical Society.

-Submitted by Carolyn A. Welch

CHARLES EARL WELLMAN, SR. FAMILY

Charles (Chuck) Earl Wellman, Sr. was born in 1933 and lived his early life in Wheelersburg, Ohio. After graduating from high school and working several jobs, Chuck joined the Air Force. While stationed at what was then known as Great Falls AFB in Montana he met and, in 1957, married Patricia (Pat) Eloise Jones who had been raised primarily in Wheatland, North Dakota and was attending college at Carroll College School of Nursing in Helena, Montana. Interestingly, Pat's grandfather, Gustav Hoehne (later, Haney) immigrated to the U.S. in 1874 via New York Harbor before the establishment of Ellie Island as an immigration port.

After his discharge and her graduation, the couple moved to Cincinnati, Ohio so that Chuck could attend Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. Going to school during the day and working evenings with wife Pat working nights, he graduated in 1959. Chuck and Pat moved immediately to Circleville, Ohio with their two children so that Chuck could begin working for William and Harold Defenbaugh at what was then known as Defenbaugh Funeral Home. Pat found work at Berger Hospital in the maternity ward as a registered nurse.

Upon Harold Defenbaugh's retirement, Chuck established his own place of business known as Wellman Funeral Home (please see the companion article, "Wellman Funeral Homes, Inc." in the business section). Chuck serves as chairman of the board for the business maintaining his credentials as a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Pat worked for 17 years at Berger Hospital and then was director of nursing at Brown Memorial Nursing Home in Circleville for 6 and a half years. In addition to being a registered nurse, she became a licensed funeral director in 1987 and has maintained this licensure with her husband to date.

The Wellmans eventually had a total of 5 children, all of who received college degrees and are married with children. Catherine and Mark Leatherwood have 3 daughters: Claire, Abigail and Adrien. Charles (Chuck) E. and Cathy (Reed) Wellman, Jr. have 3 sons: Charles (Charlie) E. Wellman, III, Christopher, and Caleb, who were all born at Berger Hospital in Circleville, Pickaway County; Christine and Max Kacan have four children: Elena, Benjamin, Elise and Joel; Cindy and Don Wildermuth also have four children: Zachariah, Joshua, Rachel and Hannah; and Craig and Christine (Roman) Wellman have 3 daughters: Cierra, Celeste and Cayli. Chuck Jr. and Craig have joined their father in the business having received degrees in mortuary science and subsequently being licensed as funeral directors and embalmers like their father.

Believing their lives should be a continuing reflection of God's love and the remarkable transformation this relationship brings has allowed Chuck and Pat a lifetime of service to their community, both locally and globally. They were founding members of the local chapter of the Gideons and the Christian Business Men's Association. Pat has maintained her membership in the local Nurse's Association and Chuck is currently president of Pickaway Terrace Board after having been a board member for many years. Mr. Wellman was an early member of what was then known as Lowery Lane Community Mission, now known as Circleville Community Missions and has been a member of the board of Go International! (formerly known as Missionary World Service and Evangelism) for 25 years through which he ministered in a variety of ways during short missionary trips to Kenya, Africa, Columbia, South America, Salem, India and Haiti. The couple was recently awarded honorary alumni status at Circleville Bible College for their longstanding support of the college. Over the past 25 years they have served as host family for several exchange students and in 1980 became sending parents when daughter Chris went to Turkey for a year with the AFS program. They have been active in several professional organizations, Rotary and other local organizations and have served their church families in a number of roles—primarily at Emmett Chapel UMC and Circleville Church of the Nazarene.

-Submitted by Cathy Leatherwood

WELLS FAMILY

Stephen and Sarah Kitchener Wells were married in Wisborough Green, West Sussex, England in 1835. They were parents of twelve children. In 1859 Stephen came to America and found his way to the country east of Ashville, Ohio, Walnut Township. He labored there for a year until the rest of his family followed. John Wells was one of those children. He was born in Sussex County in 1851. It is not known how many of the children made the trip to Ohio and Pickaway County.

Bogey and Dorothy in back of restaurant. 1956-1957.

The family had been members of the Church of England in Wisborough Green and then became members of Hedges Chapel Church. John married Samantha Shook and they became members of the Lutheran Church. That location is not

known. He was a farmer in Walnut Township and they were parents of Bessie, Flossie, Retta, Irene, Stanley and Martin Hartley, our grandfather who married Bethel Birkhead in 1899.

Claude Martin Wells was the only son of Hartley and Bethel. He was born in 1900. They had a daughter, Grace, who was born in 1903 shortly after Martin passed away. Bethel married Charles Grove and then Thomas Collins outliving both. She lived in South Bloomfield, Ohio where the BP station is located next to the alley. Grace passed away in 1921. Bethel lived the rest of her life there until her death in 1968.

Claude lived in South Bloomfield and went to school there and in Ashville where he acquired a nickname while playing football that would stay with him—Bogey. He entered the restaurant business there working for Ivy Martin. In a few years he met and married Dorothy Weaver. In 1934 they moved to Circleville, Ohio and in partnership with grandfather James Weaver, they operated the Weaver and Wells Restaurant at Court and High Streets.

In 1947 Bogey and Dorothy bought a farm in Walnut Township, where else, location of what is now Upper Lansdown Golf Course. In 1951 they sold their half of the restaurant to Dorothy's brother Paul and Faye Weaver. In 1956 Bogey and Dorothy built a new restaurant at 1340 North Court Street and this became their permanent location. For several years they were famous for their home-cooked food and Dorothy's homemade pies.

Around 1960 they sold the farm to Don Collins and built a new home on the adjoining property on Walnut Creek Pike.

Bogey passed away in 1967, one week after their daughter, Bonnie, was married to Roger Koch. Dorothy continued in the restaurant until 1988. She passed away in 2003. They left one son, Tom, and daughter, Bonnie. There are three grandchildren: Johnny Wells, Caryn Koch Esterline and Ryan Koch and one great-grandchildren, Tyler Wells.

In May 2002, Caryn and her husband chose to have a wedding ceremony at the church in Wisborough Green. She was treated as one of their own.

-Submitted by Bonnie Wells Koch

HENRY & SARAH WHITE FAMILY

Henry White (1796-1862) was a small child when his father, Peter White, brought the family to the site of Pickaway County in the season of 1799-1800. Henry White became a professional tanner and livestock speculator and eventually acquired over three hundred acres on Lick Run in Jackson Township, Pickaway County.

Peter White had been a resident of western Maryland. In the 1790's he married the sister of Alexander Caldwell, a native of Ulster, Ireland. The Whites and Caldwells journeyed west with Scotch-Irish immigrants in 1799 settling on the Scioto River north of Big Darby Creek, Pickaway County. John White of this settlement served in the War of 1812 and is buried in the Indian Mound Renick graveyard west of Fox, Ohio.

Young Henry White was bound as an apprentice tanner to his uncle James Bell. Later in the 1820's Henry married Sarah Ward, daughter of Abraham Ward. The Wards had traveled with the Renick family to Darby Creek around 1800 from Moorefield, Virginia when Sarah was an infant. Abraham Ward of Jackson Township fought in the War of 1812 and received a land grant in northwest Ohio where he later resettled his young family.

In the 1840's Henry and Sarah (Ward) White acquired land at the head of Lick Run, Jackson Township well suited for livestock. Their two-story hewn-log house stood fairly unaltered over 120 years along present-day S.R. 56. The children of Henry and Sarah White were: Jane (1823-1892) who married William M. Seaburn of Jackson Township; Wellington B. White (1827-1890) who married Mary Primmer of Jackson Township; Ann who married James Hedges, Jr.; and Milton H. White who was killed in the Civil War. Henry and Sarah White died in 1860 and 1862 and are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Wellington and Mary White acquired the home farm and several Darby Creek farms of the Judge Florence estate. They purchased land and houses in four other states and, unique to the Victorian era, made routine tours by river steamer and train in the 1880's without having a permanent residence. Each summer they returned to the log house in Jackson Township. Their children reared there were: Ezra White (1854-1884) an attorney in Texas; Samantha (wife of C.F. Watson) of Springfield, Illinois (1853-1928); Alice (wife of W.W. Stokes) of Dayton, Ohio (1855-1927); Camelia (C.C. Troxell) of Omaha, Nebraska (1859-1925) and Sarah (wife of O.H. Crow) of Ashville, Ohio (1861-1935). The home farm in Jackson Township was inherited by the Watson and French families through the 1950's.

Wellington B. White died in 1890 from a logging accident near the old log house. As a widow, Mary Primmer White retired to Circleville and had constructed in the 1890's the large Queen Anne home at 109 East Mound Street. She died in 1912.

-Submitted by Kent Seaburn

WHITEHEADS

Benjamin Whitehead and wife Nancy immigrated from Virginia to Ohio in approximately 1825 along with their four children: William Victor, Joseph Patrick, Phebe and Sarah. Benjamin purchased 80 acres in section 1 of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. He is believed to have died approximately 1826, buried in the Whitehead Cemetery located off the Circleville-Lockbourne Eastern Road in Ashville.

William was born 1815 in Virginia and died December 26, 1901 in Ashville. He married Elizabeth Wilson April 2, 1841 who was the daughter of Daniel Wilson and Sarah Gordy. Their children being Benjamin Franklin married to Sarah Hoover, Daniel married to Eliza Adkins, Joseph, John married to Josephine Russell, William, Ashton married to Nannie Hoover, Thomas, Mary and George W. William who was a member of the United Brethren church at Rehoboth north of Ashville and is buried in the Reber Hill Cemetery, Walnut Township along with his wife, Elizabeth. Benjamin F. was born February 24, 1842 near Ashville and died October 7, 1928. He received his early education in the Ohio schools and later taught 12 terms of school in Ohio, Illinois and Kansas. He was a veteran of the Civil War serving in Co. G of the 135th Regiment of Illinois Infantry. On April 5, 1864 he married Sarah Adeline Hoover, born March 23, 1850 in Pickaway County, daughter of Jacob Hoover and Ivy Kile. They moved from Ohio to Kansas in 1869 where they raised their family of William, Benjamin C., Myrtle, Sadie E., Frances and Stella. Daniel Webster, born 1845, was married to Eliza Adkins on January 1, 1868 in Harrison Township. Their children were Minnie, born August 27, 1873 married to Daniel Runkle, Edwin born September 13, 1868, May born May 8, 1872 married to David Ebert, Howard born September 1876 married to Carrie Rhyan, Christina born March 1878 married to William Bowers, William D. born 1880 died at age 21 of typhoid fever. Daniel died March 25, 1937 at age 93, Ashville's oldest resident at that time, and is buried in Reber Hill Cemetery. His wife, Eliza, died August 12, 1881 at age 32 leaving 6 children, the youngest being only a few weeks old. She was a member of the U.B. church since 1871 and is also buried in Reber Hill Cemetery. John B. moved from the Ashville area to Gypsum, Kansas with his brother Benjamin and married Josephine. Ashton was born October 9, 1853 and was married to Nannie Hoover April 15, 1875 in Pickaway County. Nannie was the daughter of Jackson and Elizabeth Scothorn. They had one son, William Jackson, born September 19, 1875 who married Nellie Lewis April 20, 1909. All of these family members are buried in the Reber Hill Cemetery near Ashville. Thomas, born 1857, and sister Mary, born 1859, both suffered from mental illness. Thomas helped on his father's farm as well as Mary until 1904 when she became a patient at the Athens Asylum, Athens, Ohio until her death in 1914. George was born in 1863 and moved from Ohio to Vincennes, Indiana.

Joseph, born February 27, 1819, married Elizabeth Hott February 18, 1840 and lived in Pickaway and Franklin Counties with their 13 children: William, George, Nancy, Thomas, Sarah, Harriet, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Joseph, Sarah, July, Mary and Kate.

Phebe, born May 1, 1822, married Daniel Van Vickle November 22, 1851. Phebe was buried in the Whitehead family cemetery and was later moved to Reber Hill Cemetery by her son J.P. Van Vickle.

Sarah, born in 1818, was married to Staubett Blair March 27, 1847. Sarah is buried in the Ashville Cemetery with her death occurring August 15, 1876.

-Submitted by Susan Howard

WILLIAMS

Elias, a man of much mystery, came to the Orient area in the 1840's while Ohio was still very primitive. His profession was a carpenter/farmer. He met Eliza Wells and they married in Circleville, Ohio in 1846. Within one and a half years, she passed away from causes unknown and is buried on what is now state property in Orient. He remarried after meeting Maria Brown from Virginia. The family was migrant farmers and worked hard to accomplish the tasks related to farming. To their union 3 children were born: George Washington, born March 5, 1852 and his two siblings: Virginia, born 1854 and William E.,

George Washington Williams, 1852-1918.

born 1856. Virginia married Alexander Snyder who later joined the Civil War in Illinois along with his father-in-law Elias in Champaign, Illinois. They both survived the ravishes of war and returned to the Commercial Point—Orient area.

George Washington married Nancy Jane Orders on July 15, 1872. To this union was born 7 children: William F., born June 1873; Sarah, born March 1876; Elza, born November 1878 who married Hazel Pettibone in 1909; Jenny, born October 1881; Lester, born February 1883; Villa, born March 1886. All these children were born in Pickaway County. Nancy Jane died in March 1891 and is buried in Lockbourne. After her death George met Laura Lawless from Commercial Point and they married in St. Phillips Church in Circleville on August 11, 1891. To their marriage were born eleven children. They were: Ersel, born September 1892; Paul E., born September 1894; Hazel, born December 1895 and died September 1896; Nora E. born January 1897; Luther, born August 1898, died in 1965; Melvin, born October 1900, died July 1971; Elsie, born August 1902; Stella, born August 1904, Max, born September 1906 and died in May 1907. Ray was born April 1908 in Mount Sterling, Ohio and spent most of his life in Columbus, Ohio. The last child was Carl Frank, born April 1910 and died in October 1973. The children of George and Laura were left as orphans at early ages because G.W. died in 1918 and Laura died in 1916. They had moved to Madison County to farm before their deaths and lived south of London on the Linson Road. George was a hard working man trying to make a living and loved all his children with 5 of the second set of kids returning to the area for burial in Concord Cemetery, on Hoover Road north of Commercial Point.

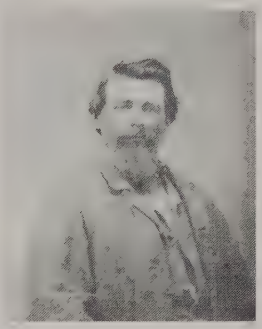
-Submitted by Bonnie (Williams) Threlkeld

DANIEL WILSON FAMILY

Daniel Wilson emigrated from Delaware to Ohio in 1806, settling near Circleville. He served in the War of 1812. Daniel married Sarah (Sally) Gordy February 23, 1814. Sara, born 1792 in Maryland, was the daughter of John, a sea captain, and Grace Gordy. Sarah had a sister Amelia (Millie), born in Sussex County, Delaware who married Christopher Cardiff II and moved to Pickaway County, dying in Monroe Township September 15, 1867.

In 1818 Daniel and Sarah moved to Harrison Township. They bought a 160-acre farm in 1820 from Obediah Allen in the southeast corner of Section 31.

Son William married Martha Stevens June 21, 1853 and lived in Delaware County. Their children were: Mary, William, James, George, and Elmer.



Daniel Wilson (husband of Sarah Gordy Wilson).

Mary died as a young woman. Jane, born January 9, 1820, married Victor Reid, June 12, 1843. May 22, 1850 she married John Peters and lived on the same section as her dad. Children were Alcoline, Rachel and Mary Isabelle. Mary Isabelle married James Storts and lived in Ashville.

Elisabeth, born 1821, married William Whitehead on April 2, 1841 and lived in Harrison Township. Their children were: Benjamin, Daniel, John, Ashton, Thomas, Mary and George. Son Daniel married Eliza Adkins and their children were: Edwin, May, Howard, Christina, William and David. May married David Ebert. Howard married Carrie Rhyan. Christina married William Bowers. The Ebert and Bowers families owned a grocery store in Ashville.

Sarah Ann (Anna), born February 17, 1824 married George Coon October 19, 1847 and lived in Madison Township. They had children: Sarah, Enos, John, Hannah, Rachel, Clinton and Clarence. Enos Coon married Phoebe Elizabeth Hoover and they had children: James Arthur and Katie. James Arthur married Edna Humble and they had children: Helen, George, Frank, Donald and Normagene. George married Burdell Stir and they had two children and six grandchildren. I, Sheila, am the granddaughter.

Rachel, born September 9, 1826, married George Cummings March 2, 1848 and lived in New Albany. They had children Sophronia, Montroville, Josephine, Thomas, Randa Cummings Hults of Galena, Ohio, George and Franklin. Rachel died June 21, 1892.

John, born 1829, married Mary Wright June 10, 1854 and had son Thomas, July 4, 1858. John married Jane Shannon who was born September 1836 and died May 5, 1866. John died in 1903. They lived on the home farm. Children were: Mary, twins Sarah and Jennette, Victor, Harriett, Emma, William, Anna and John. Mary married Isaac Miller. Sarah married Simon Alspaugh. Jennette married Albert Runkle. Harriett married David Hall. Emma married Park Soliday. Anna married John Hedges.

Daniel married Amanda Malvina Peters September 20, 1854 and lived in Franklin County. Amanda died May 6, 1866 at the age of 29. Amanda was the daughter of brother-in-law John Peters and his first wife Mary Fisher.

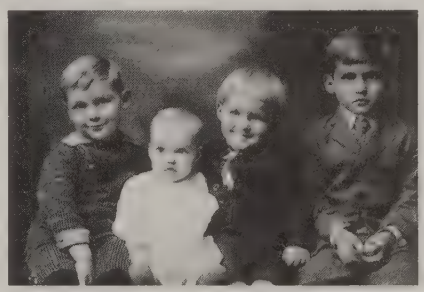
George married Mary Berry March 13, 1858, had a daughter Sarah and lived in Franklin County. Thomas married Mary Kensil September 23, 1858, and lived in Shelbyville, Illinois. Their children were: Daniel, Sallie, Mary and George.

Daniel Sr. died June 17, 1847 at the age of 54 years. He is buried on his farm in the family cemetery on St. Paul Road. Sarah died October 3, 1979, age 83.

-Submitted by Sheila Thomas

WILSON

John Ambrose Wilson, a farmer, came to Pickaway County, Ohio sometime in the 1870's. He moved here from Lancaster, Ohio, Fairfield County and purchased land in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County near the site of the historic Logan Elm Tree. He married his first wife, Laura Helen Maxwell in 1880 in Chillicothe, Ohio. John A. and Laura H. had just one child, Austin James Wilson. After Laura's death, John A. married Mary E. Wolfe in Chillicothe in 1910. John A. Wilson died in 1930 in Pickaway Township at the age of 89. John A. and both of his wives are buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Kingston, Ohio.



The four oldest children of Austin and Jessie Wilson. L-R: Paul, Philip, Wayne and Wells. When these four boys were in high school they formed a Wilson vocal group.

Austin James Wilson, a farmer, was born September 16, 1883 in Pickaway Township. He married Jessie May Conaway, who was born January 29, 1894, in Perry County, Ohio. Austin J. farmed with his father, John A. Austin and Jessie raised 7 children in Pickaway Township. They were as follows: Wells McCleery, DVM, born July 18, 1913, Paul Maxwell, born March 22, 1915, Wayne Austin born February 13, 1917, Philip

Wolfe born March 8, 1919, George Hugh, PhD, born July 5, 1922, Laura Helen born December 21, 1924 and Robert Eugene born November 1, 1929. All of the Wilson children attended and graduated from Pickaway Township School. Music was a big part of the Wilson home. Besides singing, all of the children played the piano and band or orchestra instruments.

Two of Austin and Jessie's sons remained in Pickaway County. The following is more information on them and their families. Wells M. attended The Ohio State University, graduating in 1937 in Veterinary Medicine. Wells married H. Janet Cardiff in 1937. He began his veterinary practice in Williamsport, Pickaway County the same year. While in Williamsport, the first 3 of Wells and Janet's children were born: Linda Ann on January 12, 1939, Nathan Wells on March 20, 1941 and Bruce Cardiff on October 17, 1942. During World War II, Wells enlisted in the army as a captain and the family moved to Fort Thomas, Kentucky. After the war, Wells and Janet moved their family back to Pickaway County, this time to Pickaway Township. They purchased a farm and re-established their Veterinary practice. After moving back to Pickaway County, their other three children were born: Lois Ellen on October 17, 1946, Katie Jo on February 25, 1948, and Scott Christopher on July 25, 1949. Wells was very active in church activities at Emmett Chapel Church and was on the school board for Pickaway Township School.

He was instrumental in the formation of Logan Elm School District, Pickaway County in 1960 and served as the first president of the Logan Elm School Board. Wells died in 1963 and Janet died in 1972. Both are buried at Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Philip Wolfe, son of Austin and Jessie Wilson also farmed and raised his family in Pickaway Township. Philip married Nettie Louise Brown on February 3, 1938. He started out farming with his father, Austin. Philip was also employed by Pickaway Township and Logan Elm Schools as a bus driver for many years. He and Nettie were the parents of 3 children: Nancy Ann, born January 17,1941, Norman, born February 11,1943 and Peggy Elizabeth, born February 9, 1952. Philip died in 2004 and is buried in Hitler-Ludwig Cemetery, Pickaway County.

-Submitted by Katie Wilson Schneider

REVEREND E.H.E. WINTERHOFF

In the fall of 1921 when the Reverend E.H.E. Winterhoff became pastor of St. Paul Luther Church, Ashville and Zion Lutheran Church, Groveport, he became a resident of Pickaway County. His grandparents, John and Elizabeth Stimmel Rohr, had been resident farm owners in the county before 1860, where their daughter Floretta Rohr was born, and remained in the county until 1870.

Ernest Harold Edward Winterhoff was born in the Lutheran parsonage at Anna, Ohio on January 29, 1895, the son of the Reverend E.H.D. and Floretta Rohr Winterhoff. In 1877, his father had emigrated from Muden, Germany to attend Capital University and the Lutheran Seminary. In 1899, his father answered the call to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Pemberville, Ohio where Ernest and his four sisters attended parochial and private schools. While at Woodville Normal and Capital University, Ernest played baseball and basketball. During the summers, he painted barns for the German farmers in Wood County. He graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary and was ordained into the Christian ministry in June 1919, after which he was installed as the pastor of the Leesville-Olentangy Parish and also taught in a one-room school.

Rev. E.H.E. Winterhoff. Paster of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ashville, 1921-1954.

On October 14, 1919 the Rev. Winterhoff was united in marriage with Miss Stella Rasmussen of Port Clinton. She was a faithful wife and mother and worked diligently in the children's and women's ministries in his pastorates.

During his over thirty-one years in Pickaway County, the Rev. Winterhoff ministered not only to members of his congregation, but also to anyone who was in need of pastoral care. He was known as everybody's preacher and friend. The people, in turn, were friends to him.

During the Depression when funds were meager, he held to the belief that the Lord will provide. Many times it would be in the form of a farmer's wife bearing a basket laden with freshly butchered meat. His large, well-kept garden supplied his family with fresh vegetables to eat and to can and the chickens he raised supplied them with eggs and meat.

The Winterhoffs were the parents of three sons, Ernest, Norman and Robert and a daughter, Joyce. During World War II, the parsonage window displayed three stars as all three sons served in the United States Army.

In the spring of 1953 after countless baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials, Rev. Winterhoff accepted a call to St. Johns', Rocky Ridge from where he retired to Port Clinton in 1966. After his wife's death in 1970, he moved back to Pickaway County where he could be near his daughter Joyce and her husband Vaughan Dresbach and their three children, Eric, Norman and Janice. He enjoyed visits with son Ernest (Marjorie), a surgeon in Springfield, and their six children; son Norman (Joan), a chaplain in the U.S. Navy; and Robert (Dorothy), an industrial arts teacher in Marion. He died in 1976 at the age of eighty-one and is buried next to his wife of fifty years in Pemberville Cemetery.

In 2004, the Rev. Winterhoff's daughter Joyce, a retired first-grade teacher, and her husband Vaughan farm in Walnut Township. Their children are all involved in agriculture. Living in the county are Eric and Sereana Howard Dresbach and children Megan, David, and Kenton and Norman and Patty Horst Dresbach and children Nathan, Tyler and Tricia. Kevin and Janice Dresbach Welsheimer and son Philip live in Clark County.

-Submitted by Joyce Dresbach

WOLF FAMILY

John U. Wolf, born 21 June 1824 in Albertsburg, Bavaria, Germany, married Margaret Distler, born May 1822, on 9 May 1849 and immigrated to America. He first lived in New York. Moved to Circleville from Crestline, Ohio in the fall of 1860. He enlisted in the 90th O.V.I. in August 1862 and was discharged May 1865. He then operated a grocery store on the corner of South Pickaway Street and Mound Street, Circleville. (now a parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church.) To this union was born John W. Wolf, Chris Wolf and Carolyn Wolf. John died November 1896 and Margaret in March 1894.

John W. Wolf, born 6 July 1858 and died 14 April 1914, married Maggie Burgoon, born 1860 and died 24 April 1936, on November 16, 1880. To this union was born Albert B. Wolf, Harry D. Wolf and Stashia C. Wolf. John was in the grocery business for 35 years succeeding his father in the business.

Don and Melba Wolf, 1985.

Albert B. Wolf, born 1880 and died 1957 married 1 June 1902 to Helen G. Wilson, born 1880 and died 1971. Albert was an electrician for Ringling Brothers Circus. Divorced 1918. From this union was born John R. Wolf, Marion E. Wolf, Mildred J. Wolf, Katherine L. Wolf and Donald G. Wolf.

Donald G. Wolf, born 29 January 1914 and died October 2000, married 12 December 1935 to Melba E. Pearce, born 20 October 1914 and died September 1989. Don was an employee of the city as well as a proficient plumber. Melba was an excellent seamstress, having done tailoring for Caddy Millers, Circleville as well as DuPont, Circleville. Born to this union was Beverly J. Wolf, Thomas G. Wolf and Robert P. Wolf. Thomas was

born 9 August 1944, married to Frances Dumm 1984. Robert was born 5 November 1945, an avid Corvette fan.

Beverly J. Wolf, born 18 February 1939 married John Haefele 1962. To this union was born Joyce R. Haefele and Amy E. Haefele. Divorced 1972. Married James E. Davis (born October 1943) on 11 July 1978. Beverly and James are both registered nurses. Beverly served in the Air Force as an officer from 1961 to 1963, being stationed at Walker AFB, Roswell, New Mexico. Jim served in the U.S. Army as an officer and was stationed in Ft. Gordon, Georgia.

Joyce R. Haefele, born 11 December 1963, married John Douglas Gifford, born 12 May 1964, on 25 August 1984. Joyce has been Pickaway County Recorder since 1988. Doug is a prominent farm in the county. To this union was born Mirnada L. Gifford 2 September 1988, and Kelsea L. Gifford 12 March 1994.

Amy E. Haefele, born 3 June 1966, married David Spencer, born 12 June 1966 on 2 September 1988. Amy has worked as a registrar at Berger Health System, Circleville since 1984 and Dave is employed by UPS. To this union was born Jonathon M. Spencer, 15 June 1992 (deceased), Matthew D. Spencer, 26 January 1994 and Sara E. Spencer 13 November 1995.

-Submitted by Beverly J. Davis

WOLF(E) FAMILY

Samuel Wolf is listed in the 1850 Ohio census as a shoemaker owning real estate. His age is listed as 41 years and his wife is Eliza Kraft, both being born in Pennsylvania. One of his six children, James, was born in Tarlton, Ohio in 1847. He married Maria Ellen Moyer (1855-1937), daughter of Jacob Moyer and Marie Creacuer, on January 30, 1876. An article appearing in the Columbus Dispatch congratulates the couple on being married 61 years and being the oldest couple residing in Tarlton for 56 years. James, 96, died May 14, 1944 leaving five children surviving.

Wolfe kids: Arthur, Blanche Eileen, Edward holding Robert Neal, Earl (Peck) and Charles

One child, Earl Delno (1877-1968) married Agatha Priscilla Manahan, daughter of George Manahan and Emma Griffith on December 24, 1901. They had one child, Randolph Delno (1904-1995). Agatha died September 1, 1907 and Randolph was raised by his grandparents, James and Maria Ellen and Agatha's sister, Mary Manahan. Earl Delno first taught at Tarlton Elementary School, then Franklin School in Circleville, Ohio. He married again and moved to Ashland where he taught and became a principal for several years before retiring.

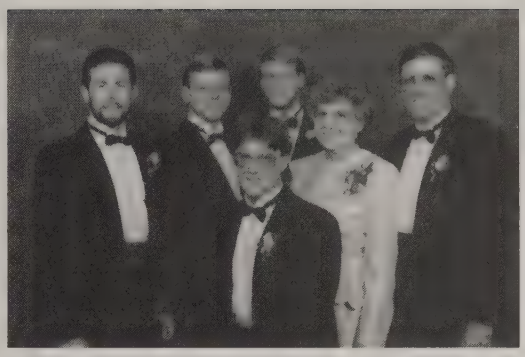
Randolph married Mary Margaret Dauterman, daughter of John Dauterman and Sadie Fetters on December 25, 1925 in Adelphi, Ohio. Randolph was a laborer and then farmed on shares before buying a farm on Tarlton Road in 1944. In 1967 he sold the dairy herd and he and Mary moved to Circleville, Ohio. Mary died in 1973 and Randolph married Margaret Peters Ater in 1976. Randolph died in 1995 and Margaret passed away in 2002.

Children of Randolph and Mary are Edward, Earl, Blanche, Arthur, Charles and Robert. Edward Everett married Lula May Karshner and had nine children: Edward Everett II, Karen Sue, Stephen Michael, Cheryl Anne, Susan Marie, Mary Louella, twins James Daniel and Janet Diane and Jane Ellen. Lula Mae died October 12, 1996.

Presently residing in Pickaway County are (1)Earl Randolph who married Marilyn Louise Hunt and they are the parents of three children, Michelle Louise, Stephanie Ann and Alex Randolph. Alex married Mary Hollingshead Young and they have one child, Isaac Parker Young. (2)Blanche Eileen married Carl Eugene Dean and are the parents of one child, Carl Eugene, Jr., who married Pamela Sue Schooley. (3)Arthur Nelson married Rebecca Hartley and they are the parents of Kimberly Ellen, Layne Arthur, Lance Andrew, Patrick Shannon and Polly Danielle. He married Martha Ellen Warthen June 11, 1983. (4)Charles William, born April 12, 1933, died January 23, 2005, leaving one child, Charles William, Jr., surviving. One child, Christopher Wade, was born November 29, 1965 and died July 7, 1990. Charles married Shirley Bownes who died July 18, 1995. He married Mary Goebel Croxton in October 2002. (5)Robert Neal married Shirley Ann Arledge on June 9, 1956 and are the parents of four children, Randal Neal, Mark Jeffrey, Gregory Alan and Scott Adrian.

In the year 2005 Randolph and Mary Wolfe's heirs would number 31 great grandchildren and 7 great stepgrandchildren.

-Submitted by Marilyn L. Wolfe



L-R: Mark Jeffrey Wolfe, Randall Neal Wolfe, Scott Adrian Wolfe, Gregory Alan Wolfe, Shirley Arledge Wolfe, Robert Neal Wolfe.

WOLFE FAMILY

Robert (Neal) Wolfe and his wife, Shirley, have been residents of Pickaway County for most of their lives. Neal was born in 1937 to Randolph and Mary Wolfe. Neal's father, Delno Randolph Wolfe, was born in Pickaway County in 1904 to Earl Delno Wolfe (1880-1966) and Agatha Priscilla Manahan Wolfe (1880-1907). Agatha died in 1907 and Randolph was raised by his aunt Mary Manahan in Tarlton. Randolph's father, Earl, later married Mary McHorter and moved to Ashland County, Ohio where he taught school and was principal for several years. They had three daughters: Betty, Frances and Mary Ellen, all of whom had no offspring.

Randolph married Mary Dauterman in 1925 and was a farmer in Pickaway County for many years and delivered coal in surrounding areas. Mary was born in 1904; the daughter of John D. Daughterman (1861-1926) and Sadie Mae Fetters (1873-1948). Mary worked on the farm alongside her husband. They had six children: Edward, Earl, Eileen, Arthur, Charles and Neal, of whom five still reside in Pickaway County. Mary died of a lengthy illness in 1973. She was buried in Tarlton Cemetery. Randolph married Margaret Peters Ater in 1976. Randolph died in 1995. Margaret died in 2002.

Neal grew up helping on the farm and was employed by Buckeye Steel Castings in Columbus from 1955 to 2000. He married Shirley Arledge in 1956.

Shirley was born in 1938 to Clyde and Marcella Arledge. Her father, Clyde Raymond Arledge, was born in 1913 in Pickaway County to Murray W. Arledge (1891-1961) and Elizabeth Fullen Arledge (1893-1983). He married Georgia (Marcella) Rhymer in 1933. He served the Navy in World War II, did some farming in Pickaway and Fairfield Counties and worked for the Orient State Institute and the Fairfield School for Boys. He also managed restaurants in Stoutsville, Amanda, Tarlton and Adelphi, Ohio during part of those years. He died in 1989. Shirley's mother, Marcella, was born in 1915 to George Rhymer (1887-1934) and Jeanette Mae Conrad Rhymer (1886-1975). She kept busy helping on the farm, cooking in the restaurants and raising their nine children. Their children are Raymond, Clyde Jr., Shirley, Rosalie, Francis, Sharon, Marilyn, Leland and Jerry.

Shirley was an employee of General Electric from 1956 to 1959. She was financial secretary at Community United Methodist Church from 1977 to 2003. She and Neal have four sons: Randal, born in 1959, received his DMA in piano performance and music education, and has been the director for the Cincinnati Boy choir since 1986. Mark, born in 1961, is general manager

at Franklin Imaging in Columbus. He married Sandra Fink in 1988. They have three daughters: Lyndsey, Amanda and Brittany. Gregory, born in 1963, is currently construction supervisor for Trinity Homes. He was married to Jan Must from 1989 to 1991. He was married to Robin Russell from 1992 to 1995. They have two sons, Hunter and Maxwell. Scott, born in 1967, is currently a wildlife biologist for the Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage, Alaska. He married Carrie Gray in 1992.

-Submitted by Shirley A. Wolfe

CONRAD WOLFE FAMILY

In the year 1690 Conrad Wolff was born in Rehweiler, Germany. He married Anna Elisabetha. All the Wolfs were Lutherans. She was born in 1677. Conrad died April 20, 1732. Anna died March 17, 1749. They had two children, Johann Jacob, born 1708 and Conrad, born February 6, 1719. Conrad was born in Dahn, Bayern, Germany. At the age of 19, Conrad left Germany to come to America. He sailed on the ship Glasgow and arrived in Pennsylvania on September 9, 1738. He married Anna Catharine Klee in 1739. She was born in 1717. They moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania and owned 100 acres. They had six children: Jacob, Catharine, Dewalt, Conrad, Peter Sr., and an infant. Conrad built a grist and sawmill on Conoy Creek in 1755. It was called the "Pioneer Mill." Part of the gristmill wall is still standing. Conrad died a year later.

Conrad's Great-Great Grandson Peter Wolff Jr. Born April 8, 1787, Died May 30, 1853.

His son Peter Wolff moved to Franklin County in Antrim Township in 1768. He sold the land and mills to George Bumbaugh. On the south part of the land is a vineyard called Nisley's. Peter married Maria Doritha Nigh in 1771. Peter died in 1790 and Maria moved to Stoutsville, Ohio with her son Peter Jr. in 1808. He married three times—Barbary Mumy, Barbara and Christina. He had several children—George, Dorothea, John, Peter, Jacob, Elizabeth and Delia. Peter built a cemetery with sandstone walls in 1749. It's still standing.

George, my great-great-great-grandfather was born May 12, 1823, married Elizabeth Mowery, September 27, 1846. They had ten children: Peter, George W., Jacob, John, Daniel, William H., Joseph, Amos, Ida and Rebecca. They lived

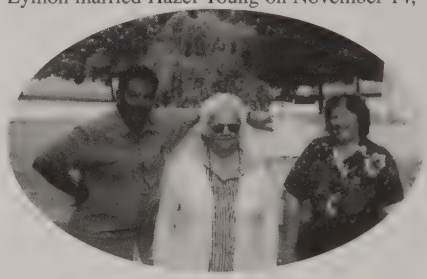
Joe Wolfe, Great Grandfather leading race at Pickaway County Fairgrounds. 1949 May.

on Dozer and Heigle Road, Stoutsville, Ohio. They ran a gristmill and grew crops. Daniel, my great-great grandfather, born January 30, 1855, married Elizabeth Dumm October 28, 1875. He was a farmer and was on the board of education from 1893 to 1895. They had four children: Joseph, Amos, Ida and Etta. Daniel's wife died and he married Emma Liest. They had one son, Homer Ray, who died at age five. Daniel died on April 1, 1896. George W. Jr., Daniel's brother, fought in the Civil War. He was a private in Company D, 186th Regiment. Joseph, born August 24, 1876, my great-grandfather, married Cora Suiter, born September 12, 1875. They had one child, Eymon, my grandfather, born August 8, 1898. Joseph remarried to Rosebud Thiel. Joseph, at the age of ten, started racing horses (harness racing) through the 1960s. He was well known all over Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. In 1947 he was in a movie, "Green Grass of Wyoming" filmed in Lancaster, Ohio. In his later years the race circuit called him "Uncle Joe." When he died at age 86, he was the oldest harness racer in the nation. He lived in Circleville, Ohio his later years.

-Submitted by Janet (Wolfe) McWhorter

EYMON WOLFE FAMILY

Eymon was born August 8, 1898 in Clearcreek Township, Ohio. He helped his father as a boy to run the farm. His father raced horses. Eymon married Hazel Young on November 14,



Donald, Betty, and Janet Wolfe at Nissley Vinyard (Conrad's land) 2000.

1921 in Circleville, Ohio. He ran his father's meat market on Main Street in Circleville. During the Depression he gave food to the poor. Eymon's family went to the Lutheran church in Circleville. He belonged to the K.O.P. They had three children: Virgil born June 16, 1922, Mary born May 14, 1924 and Robert born June 2, 1925. Virgil didn't marry. Mary married Ed Faulkner and they had a daughter Debbie. Robert, my father, had four children, Janet, Donald, Bobby and Jody. He married Betty Downs in March 20, 1948. We lived in Circleville. My dad as a boy delivered newspapers then later helped set up the dies for the press at the Circleville Herald. He played basketball and his eighth-grade class beat the junior varsity and varsity teams. They were known as "the best eighth grade team ever." He also was a caddy at the Pickaway County Country Club. In 1943 he left school and joined the Army. He was in the 50th Engineers Combat Battalion Company C. He built bridges and repaired landing strips. When he returned, he got a job in Columbus at

Roy Young, Eymon Wolfe, hazel Wolfe and Maggie Young in front of Great-grandfather Joe's Meat Market. Nov. 1943

the D.C.S.C. for 35 years. He then got a job at the Groveport Country Club. Janet was born September 9, 1948 in Circleville, Ohio. She married twice, Rick Brodnax and Author McWhorter. She had one son, Eric McWhorter born June 8, 1972. He married Hope Bebe September 30, 1995. They have two children. Janet collects stamps, dolls and has pen pals all over the world. She also does genealogy. Robert, my brother, was born January 15, 1956 in Circleville, Ohio. He graduated at Groveport High School and joined the Army. He was a M.P. stationed in Germany. He came home and married twice. Connie Echenbaucher and Angel Franklin. He has six children—Shaun, Kyle (Connie), Logan, Kaylee, Landon and Keegan (Angel). He works at the post office. He coached college softball and high school football. Jody, born July 17, 1962, graduated from Groveport High School. She married Al Untch and they had three boys—Adam, Aaron and Garrett. She works at Micro Electronics. Donald, born January 11, 1951, graduated from Marion Franklin High School, then joined the Air Force. Married to Peggy S. Dailey. Was stationed in Germany and installed communications equipment all over Europe. Had a son Robert Allen who was born in Wiesbaden, Germany. On November 19, 1972 returned from Germany to Columbus, Ohio and worked at Ebco Manufacturing for 22 years as a supervisor. Moved to Circleville, Ohio. Hobbies are genealogy research and photography. My wife, Peggy, works at Micro Electronics and is C.O.O. of the company. Son, Robbie, works at Micro Electronics as a supervisor. He went to Hamilton Township High School and played basketball and went to the regional finals. He

received his bachelor's degree at Franklin University and married Brandi Price October 2000.

-Submitted by Donald Allen Wolfe

MARY FOSTER WOLFE

James Stewart Sr., who came to Colrain, Massachusetts in 1742, was the son of John Stewart, the natural son of King Robert III of Scotland. These were ancestors of Charles Foster who was born November 15, 1812 in Whitingham, Vermont to Obed Foster and Sally Coleman Foster.

Charles later married Lavina Caldwell of Colrain, Massachusetts, who was born March 1, 1813. Charles and Lavina were married in Heath, Massachusetts on March 25, 1837. They had 5 children: Elizabeth Godfrey, Charles Augustus, Alson Coleman, Highland H. and George Foster.

Alson Coleman Foster was born September 26, 1844 in Jacksonville, Vermont. After the death of his first wife, Laura May, Alson married Minnie Terry on May 7, 1903. He was 58 and she was 30. They were the parents of 2 daughters, Julia Elizabeth Foster, born May 8, 1904 and Mary Helen Foster born November 12, 1905. The family lived in Pickaway County near Kingston, where Alson was the half-owner of a dry goods and grocery store with Leban Childs. When Alson died in 1910, Minnie and her two young daughters moved to a smaller home near Kingston where she raised the girls. Minnie married Floyd Hickle in 1921.

1908, Mary Helen Foster Wolfe, age 3 and Julia Elizabeth Foster Evans, Age 5

Mary attended Pickaway Township School. She rode a "school bus" drawn by horses when she was young. She graduated in 1924 from high school and went on to earn her Teacher's Certificate 2 years later. Mary's first teaching experience was in a one-room schoolhouse in Five Points, Ohio. She boarded with the family of one of her students and rode the interurban to her home on weekends.

Mary married Russell Franklin Wolfe, her sweetheart from school days, on June 12, 1929, on the lawn of her home. They would like to have married sooner, but teachers were not allowed to be married and she wanted to teach a few years. They set up housekeeping in a home in Williamsport where their first child, Lois Anne was born. In 1932 they moved to a farm on Wolfe Road in Pickaway County where they lived until 1941, when they moved to Kingston.

Mary and Russell were the parents of five children: Lois Anne, Russell Philip, Mary Jo, Nelson Foster and John Earl. They have 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great great grandson.

Russell died February 14, 1979 and Mary died April 11, 1996. They are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kingston.

-Submitted by Lois Wolfe Harrington

WOLFORD FAMILY

L-R, Back row: Harold, Lawrence, Hazel, Lester, K.E. (Jim). Front row: John A. and Ethel Wolfard. 1941.

Isaac Wolford lived in Marietta, Ohio and Ross County, Ohio before moving in 1873 to a farm in Harrison Township, Pickaway County. He married Nancy (Price) and their children were Mary Jane Green, Sarah Ann Barkley, James Wesley, Martha Ellen Dixon, John William born on January 11, 1856, Charles, Jared Smith, Susannah Margaret Hoffman, and a child that died in infancy. Nancy Price Wolford died in Pickaway County at the age of 58. Eventually Isaac retired and moved to Ashville, Ohio where he lived into his 80s.

John William Wolford remained on the home farm in Harrison Township until his marriage in 1880. John W. married Mary Crowman, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio and died on March 17, 1904 at age 49. Her parents were William and Nancy (Hershaw) Crowman. John W. moved to a Jackson Township, Pickaway County farm on the old Columbus Road six miles northwest of Circleville. John W. and Mary had five children: Isaac, Samuel, Ethel, James and John Alfred who was born May 5, 1856.

John Alfred married Ethel Foreman on August 18, 1907. Like his father, John Alfred was a farmer. In 1925 he rented the 500-acre Blosser farm, which was the most southern farm in Pickaway County on Route 23. In 1948, after his children were grown, he purchased Pleasant Acre farm in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County. John A. and Ethel had five children: Harold Raymond, born October 11, 1908, Lester Ellsworth (Buck) born September 28, 1910, Hazel Geneva born October 2, 1912, Lawrence Robert born May 29, 1916 and Kenneth Eugene (Jim) born March 21, 1925.

All of John A.'s children graduated from Pickaway Township School, Pickaway County and their four sons served in World War II. Harold and Lester served in the Army, Larry served in the Army Air Corps and was a POW in Germany for 2 years and Jim was in the Navy. After the war, Hazel and the brothers all settled in Pickaway County. Hazel later moved to Franklin County, worked as an executive secretary and married Kenneth Gilbert, a retired fire investigator. Harold married Mildred Rice and they had two children, Karen Wolford and Barbara Ann Wolford Drum. Lester married Wilmina Phebus. Lawrence married Luella Rager and they had one daughter, Judy. Jim married Jean Imler and they had three children, Bruce, Nancy and Janet Wolford.

Larry, Lester and Jim continued to farm. Jim farmed the Blosser farm and later owned a tree nursery, Larry had a dairy farm in Perry Township, Pickaway County and Lester's farm was in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County. Harold was a Marathon Oil distributor in Circleville.

While all of John A.'s grandchildren graduated from high schools in Pickaway County, only two remain in the county. Larry's daughter, Judy Wolford, assistant Pickaway County prosecutor, operates a dairy farm with her husband, Dallas Rynd in Madison Township, Pickaway County and has a private legal practice in Circleville. Harold's youngest daughter, Barbara Ann Wolford Drum, lives in Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County and has two children, Christina and John. Christina and her husband, Jared Moyer, live in Saltcreek Township. John Drum and his wife, Lisa, live in Circleville.

-Submitted by Nancy Wolford and Judy Wolford

PHILIP WOOLEVER, SR.

1 Philip Woolever, Sr. 1752.. + Catherine????

2 Phillip Woolever, Jr 1786 - 1864 + Catharine Shultz - 1834

3 John S. Woolever 1812 - 1874 + Sarah Ann(Rebecca) Rush (GM 1817 - 1894

4 Noah Woolever 1846 - 1907 + Mary Anne SOUDERS 1847 - 1905

5 Ellsworth Grant Woolever 1868 - 1929 + Flora Alice Lindsey 1872 - 1954

6 Sylvia Marie 1892 - 1967 + Milton Philip Manson 1890 - 1969

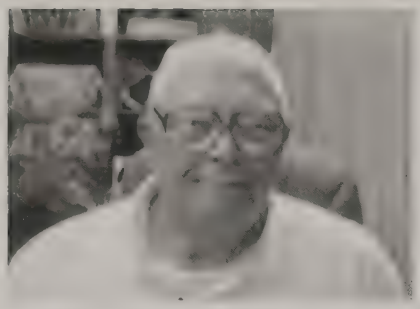
7 Mary Alice Manson 1912 - 1984 + Ralph Walton Brown 1912 - 1985

8 Bobby O'Niel Brown 1930 + Carolyn Sue SWINCHER 1934 *2nd Wife of Bobby O'Niel Brown: + Luz Ponsica 1945

8 Buddy Roger Brown 1933+ Patty Louise Croson 1930

8 Monna Marie Brown 1941+ Frank Holter 1941

(Many, many descendents were removed from the original chart due to the limited space



Bobby O. Brown. Son of Mr. Ralph W. Brown and Mrs. Mary Alice (Manson) Brown.

Ellsworth G. Woolever, Spanish-American War

available.) About 1838, or earlier, my Woolever ancestors left Warren County, New Jersey and arrived in the Hocking hills where they homesteaded. The ones believed to have been in that migration were Phillip Woolever Jr., wife Catherine Shultz, John S. Woolever, wife Sarah Ann Rush, and others. They built a shanty cabin and there they lived.

Even though the land was very rocky they made a living from the land. Noah, son of John S. Woolever, married Sarah Anne Souders, daughter of a neighbor farmer. They had children: Clara Bertha, Ellsworth Grant, Cora Lucetta, Harriet Anne, Martha Bell, and Effie Luella.

Eventually, Noah and family migrated to Walnut Township, Pickaway County and lived in the northern part of Walnut Township. Later he bought a nicely developed farm East ofCircleville on Rt. 22. The first property on the left outside the corporation limit of Circleville. When Noah died (May 5, 1907) son Ellsworth and daughter Clara Bertha inherited the property. In December 1889 Ellsworth married Flora Alice Lindsey. They had two children: Grace May and Sylvia Marie (my grandmother). Ellsworth and Flora divorced in 1898 and he went into the military, served in Puerto Rico suffered tropical diseases and died in a military hospital in 1929 of Diabetes. Sylvia married Milton P. Manson (my grandfather) and they had two children, Klara Jeanne and Mary Alice. Milton and Marie gained the property with an agreement that Bertha could live there until she passed.

They had a gas station built on the property. Their daughter Mary Alice, married Ralph W. Brown (my father) and had three children shown in the chart above. We lived in Circleville until 1941 when we moved to Columbus, Ohio. Genealogy has caused me to review my life and it brought my ancestors out of the past for me to learn to know them. They had all life's experiences of their time, maybe more than us, but they prevailed so that I could also join their ranks. Sylvia and Milton had two daughters so when their two girls married the Woolever line was broken in our family line.

-Submitted by Bobby O. Brown

Clara Bertha Woolever

Noah Woolever's home in Circleville, Ohio.

JONAH WOOLEVER FAMILY

Jonah Woolever was born on January 6, 1851, the seventh child in a family of twelve born to John S. and Sarah (Sally Ann) Rush Woolever who came to Hocking County from New Jersey in 1837. His siblings were Catharine, Philip, William, John, Noah, George, Andrew, Rebecca, Hannah, Elijah and Emanuel.

Jonah's father was of German heritage. The family of Walrath Wohleben immigrated from Germany in 1709. They settled first along the Hudson River in New York and by 1720 migrated to the area of New Jersey that later became Warren County. Sarah Rush's ancestor, John Rush, immigrated from Oxfordshire, England in 1683 and was listed as a landowner in Burlington County, New Jersey by 1697. Her grandfather, Jacob Rush, served in the Revolutionary War with the New Jersey militia.

Jonah Woolever

Jonah came into Pickaway County in his youth and worked for area farmers. On February 4, 1879 he married Catharine Kellstadt, daughter of Jacob and Rosina Bowers Kellstadt. Catharine's paternal and maternal grandparents had immigrated from Germany to Pickaway County in the 1840s.

Jonah and Catharine moved to Buckner County, Missouri with their three young children in 1882. After disappointing crops and the birth of three more children, they returned to Pickaway County in 1887. He rented farmland in Walnut Township until 1907 when he purchased a farm in Pickaway Township. After the death of Mrs. Woolever in 1917 he sold his farm and moved to Circleville, Ohio where he died in 1924. Jonah and Catharine Woolever had eight children: Daisy, Viola, Leslie, John, Rose, Archibald, Melvin George and Ralph Emanuel.

Melvin married Lerlie Violet Goodman, daughter of Robert Phillip and Lodema Kima Steele Goodman (of Adelphi, Ohio, Ross County) on December 2, 1917. Lerlie's siblings were Maizie, Alice, Will and Jim. Melvin and Lerlie had twin sons born on November 16, 1920—Ralph and Royce. After renting farms for several years, they purchased a farm in Walnut Township and worked diligently to run a successful farm the remainder of their lives.

Ralph and Royce Woolever (and their future wives) graduated from Walnut High School, Ashville, Ohio. The twins served together from October 1942 until November 1945 in the 9th Air Force in Europe. In August of 1953 both were married.

Royce married Alice Koehler (daughter of Christian and Rosella Corkwell Koehler). Royce and Alice have two children, Melvin (married Karen Stiles) and Joyce (married Ed Shively).

Ralph married Charlene Dresbach (daughter of Charles and Marcella Vaughan Dresbach). Ralph and Charlene had five children: Rachel married Patrick Meyer; Karen married Gary Hovis; Byron married first Joan Goodman, second Ursula Lind; Crystal; and JoAn married Monte Matteson. They have eleven grandchildren: Sam, Kate and Tina Meyer; Rachel, Jolene, Hannah and Holden Woolever; Nick and Brynn Hovis; and Logan and Phoebe Matteson.

-Submitted by Rachel Woolever Meyer

PETER WRIGHT FAMILY

Joshua Wright and Elizabeth Empson were married in England in 1669 and immigrated to Burlington County, New Jersey in 1679. Their daughter Elizabeth Wright married Peter Frettwell in Burlington County in 1688. Their daughter, Elizabeth Fretwell, born in Burlington County 1692, married Jonathan Wright in 1712. Their son, Fretwell Wright married Margaret Ellis in Burlington in 1738. Their son, Peter Fretwell Wright, was baptized in 1742 in Burlington County and married his second wife, Elizabeth Fisher, in 1768. She was born in Sussex County, Delaware.

The Carroll Sisters: Freda, Grace (at Piano) and Ruth practice for their program on WPAY in Portsmouth, OH in 1940.

Peter Wright, the son of Peter Fretwell Wright and Elizabeth Fisher, married Nancy Corbin about 1808 in Sussex County, Delaware. Peter was employed as a teamster during the War of 1812. Sometime before 1820 the family moved to Ross County, Ohio. Peter and Nancy had eight children: Joshua (1810-1879), Peter (1820-1889), John (1821-1870), Elizabeth (1823-1862), Levinia (1826-1887), Stephen (1828-1906), Nancy (1832-?) and Druzilla (1836-?).

On April 6, 1856 Peter Wright, the son of Peter Wright and Nancy Corbin, married Sarah Dungan, the daughter of John and Priscilla (Beckett) Dungan. Sarah was born in 1836 in Wayne Township, Pickaway County not long before her father's death. Peter and Sarah farmed 122 acres in New Holland, Perry Township, Pickaway County, where Peter died in 1889. By then, five of their ten children were adults: Allen lived in Greenland, Ross County, Ohio; Milton in New Holland with his parents; Minerva Smith in Denton, Maryland; Dolly Miller in Spring City, Tennessee, Mary Nancy Parker in Greenland, Ohio. A guardian was appointed for the five who were still under age when Peter died: John, Stansberry, Minnie, Anna and Mottie.

Allen Wright (1857-1942) married Harriett Oakes (1862-1955), daughter of Joseph and Martha (Elder) Oakes in 1884. The Oakes and Elders were early settlers in Jackson and Vinton Counties. Allen and Harriett raised four children: Kathryn (1884-1965), Oather (1891-1975), Minnie (1892-1997), and Stephen (1905-1980).

Kathryn Wright taught at a school in Union Township, Ross County, before she married Freeman Carroll. Six of their seven children (Estelle, Dwight, Minnie, Grace, Ruth and Freda) grew to maturity in Chillicothe, Ohio. Their seventh child died in infancy. Grace, Ruth and Freda, known as the Carroll Sisters, sang on WPAY, a radio station in Portsmouth, Ohio for three years. Their career ended when Grace and her husband, Richard Bowdle, moved to Lincoln Park, Michigan in 1942.

The Bowdles divorced in 1947 and in 1949 Grace married Nathaniel Banks. A professional musician, Grace played the piano at local clubs and played the organ for several organizations. Nathaniel died in 1996 and in 2000 Grace sold her home in Redford, Michigan where she had lived for 50 years, and moved to Jackson Township, Pickaway County, to live with her oldest daughter and son-in-law, Joan (Bowdle) and Donald Smith. Grace has three daughters, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Ruth (1917-2001) married Clark Maughmer (1912-1995) who farmed first in Ross County and then in Jackson Township, Pickaway County. Ruth was an excellent seamstress and tackled all kinds of home decorating projects including refurnishing furniture. They leave four children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Freda (1921-1990) married Neal Corcoran and lived in Clarksburg, Ross County before moving to Jackson Township. In addition to her musical ability, Freda was a schoolteacher and was also the family genealogist. They have three children, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

-Submitted by Joan Smith

YATES FAMILY

Twenty-six-year-old David Yates came to Ross County, Ohio in 1800 from his native Virginia at the behest of Thomas Worthington who had observed his skill as a millwright and wanted to employ him in the newly founded town of Chillicothe.

David settled near South Salem where he met and married Christine Edmiston on May 1, 1803. Two children were born to them there—Thomas Lovell and John. In 1807 the Yates family moved to Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County where ten additional children were born. David built a saw and gristmill and a still house on Deer Creek, hewing the logs himself. When the buildings were completed, he cleared land and planted the first orchard in the area. In 1816 he was elected clerk of Deer Creek Township in the first election and was one of the first Justices of the Peace. The family was devoutly Methodist.

During the War of 1812, David Yates was a commissioned officer serving under General Harrison. He died March 13, 1840 at the age of 65, leaving 12 descendants—Thomas Lovell, John, Reason, Nancy, Elizabeth, David, Mary Ann, Emeline, Mahlon, Amos, Joseph and Joshua.

John Yates, David's second son, was born December 26, 1805 and married Elizabeth Blue, daughter of John and Pencelia Reeves Blue in 1828. They were the parents of eleven children—David Reeves, Emily, Marcus Lafayette, DeWitt Clinton, William, John, Francis Marion, Socrates, Marinda, Roland Burbridge and Townsend.

John prospered as the result of hard work and a shrewd business sense, at one time owning some 1,300 acres of land. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1835, as County Clerk in 1850 and also as County Commissioner. Before his death in 1878, he gave each of his children 100 acres of land and a horse and buggy. The red brick home farm (on Route 138, now owned by Gary and Cindy Sowers) was reserved for his widow, who died November 17, 1885.

David Reeves Yates, the first-born son of John and Elizabeth, was born August 1, 1829. He married Nancy Brown, daughter of Trustin Polk and Tabitha Wingate Cannon Brown in 1859. Their children were: Mary Elizabeth, Benjamin Floyd, Ballard Brown and Tabitha.

David R. bought 227 acres of land from his father and added to it until he owned 466 acres in Deer Creek Township and further property in Madison County. He served Deer Creek three times as Assessor and was elected State Representative on the Democratic ticket in 1879. He served several terms in the Ohio House.

Nancy Brown Yates died in 1877 at the age of 41. David R. never remarried and died November 20, 1892 aged 63.

Mary Elizabeth, eldest child of David R. and Nancy, was born November 17, 1860. She mar-

Children and Grandchildren of David R. and Nancy Brown Yates. L-R, Front row: Benjamin Ballard Yates, Etta Hornbeck (later Trego), Melvin Austin Yates. Middle row: Louella and Benjamin Floyd Yates, Mary Elizabeth Yates Hornbeck, Ballard Brown Yates, Tabitha Yates Hunsicker. Back row: Grover Yates, Ethel Hornbeck (later Young), Adrian Yates, Harry Addison Yates, Esther Hornbeck (later Robb), David Hornbeck, Gertrude Hornbeck (later Coarson). c. 1914

ried Oliver Barr Hornbeck on January 27, 1881. Their children were: Mary Ethel (1884), who later married Laben Young of Kingston, Ohio. They were the parents of George David Young; Mary Etta (later Simkins); and Esther Maxine (later Morcombe).

Etta (1887) married Earl J Trego of Williamsport. They were the parents of Earl J. Trego, Jr. and Robert Nelson Trego.

Gertrude (July 4, 1888) married Clarence J. Coarson and lived in Illinois. They had no children.

David Cyrus (February 14, 1893) married Helen Renick. They, too, were childless.

Frances Esther (September 28, 1895) married Carleton Scott Robb of Marengo, Illinois. Their only child was Trudy Ann (later Yates).

May Elizabeth Yates Hornbeck died April 19, 1920 in Circleville.

Benjamin Floyd Yates, born February 7, 1865, first married Etta Dungan. She died giving birth to their son Grover. He later married Louella White, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thornton White of Williamsport, Ohio in March of 1892.

Ben owned a 350-acre farm in Pickaway County and was County Auditor in 1896 and 1899. He bred a stable of racehorses, which merited several column inches in Van Cleaf's History of Pickaway Co. 1906.

Five sons were born to Ben and Louella: Benjamin Ballard (1892), the father of Helen (later Brown), and Tabitha Benadine (later Burns, then Bell); Thaddeus, who died, aged three years; David Adrian (1895) later father of David Lutz Yates; Harry Addison (1897) later father of George, Jack, Bette Lou and Mark Yates; and Melvin Austin (1902) later father of Nancy Lou and Mary Anne Yates.

Benjamin Floyd died December 8, 1932 in Columbus, Ohio.

Ballard Brown Yates, born February 6, 1870 was a bachelor who lived in Williamsport and Circleville. He was prominent in Democratic politics and served as Senator from Franklin and Pickaway Counties in the Ohio General Assembly, where his father, David Reeves Yates had served as a Representative from Pickaway County. He died in 1914 at the Southern Hotel in Columbus.

Tabitha Nancy, born February 7, 1874, the youngest child of David R. and Nancy Brown Yates, was the second wife of Charles S. Hunsicker from Williamsport. Webb Hunsicker was her stepson. She, too, was active in Democratic politics, serving as Committeewoman for the 11th District.

When her husband was killed at a railroad crossing, Tabitha made her home alternately with her nieces, Ethel Young and Esther Robb. She died in Kingston September 29, 1936.

Few descendants of this branch of the Yates family remain in Pickaway County. However, they retain a strong interest in, and loyalty to, the fertile farmland of their ancestors.

-Submitted by David & Trudy Yates

Harry and Margo Yates and Family. 1965

HARRY A. YATES FAMILY

Pictured above are Harry A. Yates (1897-1965) and wife Margo Littleton Yates (1897-1974) and their children taken at Mr. and Mrs. Yates' 50th wedding anniversary in 1965 in Grove City, Ohio. Mr. Yates is a descendant of David Yates (1774-1840) who came to the Williamsport, Ohio area in about 1798. He married Christina Edminston (1783-1835) from near Chillicothe, Ohio. They had 12 children, among whom was John B. Yates (1805-1878) who married Elizabeth Blue (1808-1885) of Madison County, Ohio. They had 11 children among whom was David Reeves Yates (1819-1882) who married Nancy Brown (1836-1877) of Circleville, Ohio. Their children were Mary Elizabeth (1860-1920), Benjamin Floyd Yates (1865-1932), Ballard B. Yates (1870-1914) and Tabitha Yates Hunsicker (1874-1936).

Benjamin Floyd was married to Louella May White (1867-1927) and their children were:

Harry Yates and his brothers: Benjamin B. Yates (1892-1918), Thaddeus (1894-1898), David Adrian Yates (1895-1968), Melvin Austin Yates (1902-1986) all lived their early life in the Circleville area. Their mother, Louella May White, of Williamsport, Ohio, was the daughter of Dr. Thornton Fleming White, MD (1838-1891) and Anna Nichols White (1843-1934).

The picture above reading from left is: Mark S. Yates (1931), George Adrian Yates (1916-1989), Margo Littleton Yates and Harry Addison Yates, Bette Yates Teasley (1920) and Jack Addison Yates (1918-1976). There are eight grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren who survive.

-Submitted by Mark S. Yates

YOUNKIN FAMILY

Henrich Junghen immigrated from Germany in the 1700s. In time, members of the family migrated from Bucks County to Somerset and other counties in Pennsylvania, to Virginia and Ohio. Surnames include: Junghen, Younkin, Youngkin, Yonkin, plus others.

My grandfather, Horton H. Younkin, was born February 16, 1860 in Athens County, Ohio, the son of William and Catherine (Knight) Younkin. He had a twin brother and sister, Edward Ellsworth and Ellazor Younkin, born April 14, 1863

L-R: Robert, Horton, Fred, Alna, Delano, Ermalee, and Maxine Younkin. About 1939.

in Athens County, Ohio. Catherine died about four years later and is buried in Marshall, Illinois. William died in Horton's home in about 1900 and is buried at Florence Cemetery, Muhlenberg Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Edward died in 1932 and is buried at Mt. Sterling, Ohio. Horton, a farmer, married Dorothy Thrush on September 25, 1884 and settled in Pickaway County. Their children were: Nora Harris (1887-1941), Earl (1889-1956), Fred (1891-1983), Howard (1894-1964), Everett (1897-1972), Mildred Hoover (1899-1964), Edith Mithoff (1903-1980) and Bernice Drake (1906-1923). Dorothy died in her home in South Bloomfield on May 16, 1939 and Horton died June 16, 1950 in the home of his son, Fred, in Ashville, Ohio. During their marriage, they were members of Scioto Chapel United Brethren Church, Robtown, Ohio.

Fred Younkin about 1934.

The family occupations were farmers, truckers, merchants, newsmen, bankers, teachers, ministers, nurses, doctors, attorneys, carpenters/contractors, musicians and above all, fathers and mothers. Howard, a carpenter, built many homes in Pickaway and surrounding counties, one being Fred's, with his assistance, in 1927, where I was born and currently reside. He was the father of Floyd Younkin (1917-1997) who, among many things, was the owner of Greenlawn Mobile Home Sales and Parks, and whose family made it possible for the Pickaway County Library to have a beautiful branch in Ashville, and for the Younkin Success Center at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

My father, Fred, was a carpenter and a musician. He was a left-handed violin player. One of his violins was modified so that he did not have to play it "backwards." He played in an orchestra various places over the state of Ohio, including the Ohio State Fair. His sons, Delano and Robert Younkin had a grocery and the Dairy Shed in South Bloomfield for many years. Delano and his son, Donald, had the original Dairy Shed in Circleville (1962-1990), and Robert and his wife, Catherine, had the Dairy Shed in Williamsport (1963-1989). His grandson, Donald Younkin, is a general contractor and great-grandson, Todd Younkin, is a building contractor in Pickaway County. I was a secretary/paralegal for attorney Harry Margulis in Ashville for 25 years. My parents, sister and I were active in the Ashville C.C.C.U. Church.

Earl's wife, Florence (died in 1983), and son, Edward Younkin, were in business in South Bloomfield for many years.

Horton, Dorothy and all of their children, except Fred, are buried in Harrison Township Cemetery, South Bloomfield. Fred, Alna (Dudleson 1892-1993) and three infants are buried in Jackson Township Cemetery, Fox, Ohio. My brothers, Delano (died in 1996) (Mildred Ward, died in 1989) and Robert (died in 1989) (Catherine Taylor, died in 1993) are buried in Harrison Township Cemetery.

Howard's family members who are current residents of Pickaway County are Marjorie (Younkin) Wilson, daughter, and Michael (Sandy) Wilson, one of her sons; Luann (Dale) Boone, a daughter of Gladys (Younkin) West (died in 2001), daughter; Dennis, Jack (Carla), and David (Joni) Ballard, sons, and Jason (Martha) Ballard, grandson of Betty Ballard-Carstens, a daughter of Gladys West; Scarlett (Thomas) Ebenhack, a daughter of Floyd Younkin and Wesley Ebenhack, one of their sons, and Pamela (Mark) Puckett, a daughter of Russell Younkin (died in 2003), son.

Fred's family members who are current residents of Pickaway County are Rachel Maxine Younkin, daughter; Donald (Carole) Younkin, a son of Delano, and two of their three children, Kimberly (Dan) Pohl and son, and Karyn (Daryl) Wolfe and children; Barbara (Barch) Younkin, widow of Ronald M. Younkin (died in 1995), a son of Delano and their children, Tamara Younkin-Chafin and children; Todd (Pamela) and children, and Trevor (Nichole), and Judith (Michael) Topping, a daughter of Marilyn (Ted) Giese, Delano's daughter, and children. My only surviving sibling is Ermalee (Howard) Shumate who reside on their farm in Madison County, Ohio.

There are many other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. of Horton H. and Dorothy Younkin who reside in other counties in Ohio and in other states.

I want to acknowledge my "distant cousins," Mark Miner and Donna (Younkin) Logan for permitting me to use research information on their websites, www.minerd.com and www.familytrail.com, for our early ancestors and from the research of my nephew, the late Ronald M. Younkin.

-Submitted by Rachel Maxine Younkin

MR. & MRS. BERNARD W. YOUNG

Bernard and Elizabeth Ludwig Young were married in 1923 and lived at Mount Oval Farm in Pickaway Township. They were leaders in the original Emmett Chapel and in the local school, and they frequently opened their home for community activities and meetings of organizations.

Bernard was born in 1882 in Pickaway Township, the son of George Clayton and Martha Drake Young. As a teenager he was employed by Carey Short, a widely known horseman, where he learned to match and train teams of horses for agriculture and for coal mines in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. Before tractors were used, horses were necessary for farming and also in the mines to pull conveyances before they were mechanized. He also became expert in training gaited horses for pleasure riding and for horse shows.

He served on the Pickaway County Fair Board at the time the grounds were being developed with the construction of the coliseum, grandstand and racetrack. He also served on the Pickaway Township School Board when the new building was added to the former school. Then he was elected to be a member of the Pickaway County School Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard W. Young.

Elizabeth was elected to take his place on the Pickaway Township School Board and became the first woman president of the board for several terms. She was also superintendent of the original Emmett Chapel Sunday school and taught a class of teenagers and young adults. For many years she was a leader of 4-H clubs and then became the first county commissioner of Girl Scouts. She led the county project in constructing a building for a campsite on Scippo Creek for scout troops. Often asked to speak for high school graduation activities and for farmers institutes, she was an inspirational and popular speaker.

Bernard and Elizabeth made a home for Bernard's niece, Mary Ruth Tolbert after both of her parents were killed in accidents. Bernard had been appointed guardian of the four children and she was the youngest. They also expanded their family with other relatives on both sides of the families who came to spend time at Mount Oval, some to work on the farm and earn money for college and some to recuperate from illnesses. During the depression they organized a summer camp for children where they could experience farm living and learn to ride horses, swim, fish and enjoy an extended program of camp activities and good food. Many leading businessmen of Circleville had been Mount Oval Campers in their youth.

Elizabeth was born at Mount Oval in 1879, the fourth child of Daniel and Julia Steely Ludwig. When both of Julia's parents became invalids following strokes, the Ludwigs purchased the Steely farm and moved their family to the larger house on the Haysville Road. Tragedy struck again when Julia suffered a fatal stroke and left Daniel with four children and two bed patient

in-laws. After their deaths, Daniel moved his family to Circleville to have better schools for the children. All four children graduated from Everts High School and Elizabeth attended a college in New York State before it was necessary for her to return to care for her father.

When dividing his property with his children before his death, Elizabeth asked for the farm and house at Mount Oval even though tenants had lived there for more than thirty years and the frame part was dilapidated. She took on the restoration of the house, riding the interurban car to Hayesville and walking cross country three miles to supervise the restoration, then walking back three miles to return to care for her aged father. Later she moved him to Mount Oval where he died.

Elizabeth's ambition was to be a "country woman" taking part in building the community. At her death at the age of 87, she was acclaimed for her lifelong contributions as a leader of Pickaway County.

The accompanying photo was taken when Bernard was taking Elizabeth to Chillicothe to board a train en route to Boston for a summer visit with her sister's family, Warren K. and Eveline Ludwig Morehead who lived at Andover where Dr. Morehead was head of an archeological museum. He was the archeologist who explored many Ohio mounds as well as in other states. He had also served as head of the Ohio State Historical Society's Archeological Museum. The Moreheads were frequent visitors to Mount Oval. Elizabeth was also close to her older sister, Mary, who married Charles Tuller of Dublin, Ohio and the Tuller family often visited Mount Oval.

-Submitted by Mary R. Tolbert

JOHN & SARAH YOUNG FAMILY

John Young, a farmer, was born in 1790 and died in 1843. He married Sarah H. Myers who was born in 1801 and died in 1878. They are buried in the old Dutch Hollow Cemetery, Fairfield County, Ohio.

In 1818 they came from Maiden Creek, Pennsylvania to a farm near Amanda, Ohio.

Silas Young, the 13th child, was born in 1840 and died in 1918. He was a farmer, cabinetmaker and violinist. In 1866 he married Mary Ann Winstead who was born in 1848 and died in 1907. Mary Ann was a daughter of S.S. Winstead, a farmer and teacher. He was born in 1818 and died in 1877. Her mother was Elizabeth Hoffman who was born in 1816 and died in 1890. She was a daughter of George Hoffman and Mary Harpster.

Louisa Jane Young was born in 1867 and died in 1953. She was a pioneer teacher at Fort Scott, Kansas. Louisa Jane married Harry H. Groce who was born in 1867 and died in 1950. Harry Groce was a teacher and bookkeeper. He was born to Amos Groce who was a farmer and to Sarah R. Berger who was born in 1841 and died in 1926.

Helen Marie Groce was born in 1895 and died in 1984. Helen was a teacher. She married Edward C. Wolf in 1925. Edward was born in 1878 and died in 1966. He was a businessman.

Their children are: Mary Ann Wolf, born 1926 and a teacher, Elizabeth Wolf who was born in 1927 and is a registered nurse, and Edward C. Wolf, Ph. D., a college music teacher and a college administrator. He was born in 1932. In 1961 Edward married Marjorie Ann Swanson who was born in 1937. Marjorie is a registered dietician and a church organist. Their son, Edward C. Wolf, was born in 1971. He is a paramedic and library technician. In 1999 Edward married Adriana Crisan. Adriana is a college administrator. Their daughter, Elizabeth, was born in 2004. Their son, Adam Edward, was born January 17, 2005.

-Submitted by Ann and Elizabeth Wolf

WILLIAM YOUNG & MARY EMERSON YOUNG

William Young, Jr. married Mary (Polly) Emerson, daughter of Thomas Emerson and Mary Downey Emerson in 1804 in Cumberland, Maryland. They moved to Ohio with the Emerson Family in 1807 from Hampshire County, Virginia. Mary carried their 6-week-old daughter, Eliza Jane, to Ohio on horseback.

William's father had also planned to move his family to Ohio, and he had purchased congressional land in Pickaway County at Chillicothe in 1803 and again in 1805. An accident or illness on his return trip to Virginia caused his death and his son, Michael, acting as attorney-in-fact, settled his estate in the court at Romney in 1806.

His estate included 337 acres on the south branch of the Potomac River that he had leased in 1763 from Colonel Thomas Cresap, stockholder in the Ohio Company. His service in the Revolutionary War added 50 acres granted in 1791 and another 50 acres to correct a survey error. In the original indenture, he agreed to pay Cresap "annual rent of 7 shillings sterling and 7 shillings current Virginia money, planting 150 apple trees and keeping them in good repair, building a dwelling house with chimney 25' long and 18' wide. Also clearing an acre of meadow sowing good English grass every year for 10 years."

William Sr. enlisted in the Revolutionary army in 1777 and served as sergeant through 1780. He let his pay of $8 or $10 per day accumulate until his discharge when he paid off the indenture in 1784.

William Jr. was also a Revolutionary soldier and was granted 50 acres in Virginia for his service. When he moved to Ohio, he purchased several tracts of Congressional Land along Kingston Pike as shown on the Wheeler Map. At his death in 1844, his children who inherited this land were: 1)Eliza Jane, buried in Ebenezer Cemetery; 2)Jesse, married Mary Ann Clough, buried in the Emerson-Young Family Cemetery; 3)Harriet, married Bernard Morris, children were Mary Eleanor and Amos K.; 4)James, married Minerva Clayton in 1837 who died in 1846 leaving three small children. James married Isabella Saxon in 1848 and 5)Margaret, who married Samuel Stevens had one daughter, Mary Ellen.

Minerva Clayton was disinherited by her southern family for marrying a Yankee, James Young. Her three children were: 1)Ephraim, married Mary Ellen Hoover; 2)Eliza Jane, married George Ludwig; and 3)George Clayton, married Martha Drake, daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth Valentine Drake. Jesse was a Civil War veteran, buried in the Pontius Church Cemetery.

George and Martha Young had five sons and seven daughters. Their sons were: 1)James Wilmer, married Grace Krug, son George W.; 2)Charles Clayton, was Pickaway County Recorder and later Probate Judge, married Ethel Littleton, son Clayton and daughter Eleanor married Bill Hegele; 3)J.L. (Buddy) married Ethel Hornbeck, son, George D., Circleville Lawyer and Probate Judge, married Miriam Bailey who died in 1984. The children are G. David and Ellen A. He married Ellen Bennett Lauer in 1986. Buddy and Ethel's daughters were Mary Etta, married Richard Simkins and Esther, who married Derek Morcomb from England; 4)Bernard W. married Elizabeth Ludwig and they reared their niece, Mary Ruth Tolbert; 5)Robert J. married Frances Riegel, children are Robert Riegle, married Donna Fleming Coram, and Mary Ellen married Gerald Neale, children are Daniel and Robert Riegle Neale.

Robert J. Young served in the Rainbow Division of World War I, was Pickaway County Sheriff and deputy in the U.S. Marshall's Office.

George D. Young served in World War II, rising to major in counter intelligence and was awarded the U.S. Bronze Star for heroic action in the Battle of the Bulge in Germany and in the liberation of France.

George and Martha Young's daughters were: 1) Iva Elizabeth, married Dillon Bartley, children were Curtis, Mary, Helen, Ethel, Edward and Dorothy; 2) Mary Florence, married William H. Tolbert, children were Martha Elizabeth, teacher in Circleville Schools for 22 years and Parma Heights for 22 years. Florence married Russell Evans, daughter Marilyn married James Arledge, William F., newspaper editor, married Virginia Albert Hurt, step-son Edward Hurt and son William F. Jr. and; 4) Mary Ruth, emeritus professor at Ohio State University, resides in Pickaway Township.

3) Blanche married Harry Gatrell, children were James and Evelyn, who taught at Kettering, Ohio; 4) Lillian who was Circleville City Auditor for 29 consecutive years; 5) Bess married William Rowe, moved to Iowa and later to California, children were Louise, Donald, and Rosemary; 6) Ruth married Walter Denman, was a teacher in Circleville, Pickaway Township and New Holland Schools and 7) Ida Grace, married Frank Goff and worked at the Columbus Dispatch.

Descendants now living in Pickaway County in the 21st century are Marilyn Evans (James) Arledge, son James R. who married Letisha Everman, children Dustin and Denise; and daughter Krista married Jeffrey Amann, children Jeffrey R. and Matthew.

-Submitted by Mary R. Tolbert

ZIEMER/SEIMER FAMILY

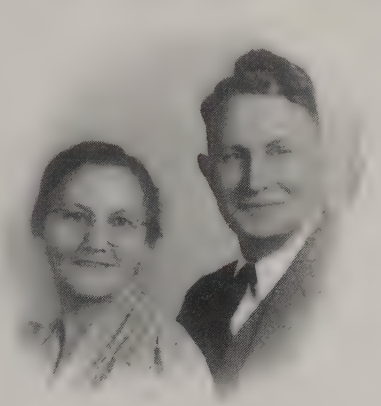
Henry Ziemer/Zimmer/Ziemmer, wife Elizabeth and seven children—George, Henry, Frederick, Abraham, Margaret, Phillip and Catharine (Kate)—migrated in 1799 to the Northwest Territory via Maryland, Pennsylvania and the German Nation. Henry had served in the Maryland Militia during the Revolutionary War. They settled on one-half section 27, Washington Township, then Ross County (Ohio, 1803). In 1809 Henry sold the land and moved to Knox County (near Wooster, Ohio), purchasing one-quarter section of land for each of the five sons. On September 10, 1812, the parents and daughter "Kate" were killed by Indians and were buried on the home farm in Mifflin Township, now Ashland County, Ohio, Knox 1812, Richland 1813.

After the massacre, the sons, except Frederick, sold their land. Henry went to Shelby County, Phillip to Fairfield County, daughter Margaret (Shanafelt) to Montgomery County. George and Abraham had remained in what became in 1810 Washington Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. George married Barbara Zieger, resided in Circleville Township and was buried in Forest Cemetery in Circleville, Ohio. In 1833 the western sections of Washington Township were set off as Circleville Township.

Abraham Ziemer/Zimmer, 1782-1850, Washington Township farmer, married 1808, Fairfield County, Ohio, Susanna Cridlebaugh, 1788-1836. They had seven children: Jacob, died in 1880; Mary (Metzger), died in 1842; John, died in 1891, Allen County, Indiana; Elizabeth (Waddle), died in 1901, Union County, Ohio; Abraham I, died in 1831; Catharine (Foote), died in 1903, Allen County, Indiana; Sahra, died in 1835. Susanna, Abraham I and Sahra are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Jacob and sister Mary are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio.

Abraham married Maria (Mary) Shank Wann, 1804-1852, in 1836 in Pickaway County, Ohio. They had five children: Abraham II, died in 1839; twins George Washington, 1840-1882 (2 ch) and Andrew Jackson, 1840-1916; Susanna (Shutt), 1842-1923, Pike County, Missouri (4 ch); Sophia, 1846-1864 (Unm). Abraham, Sr., Mary and Abraham II are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Washington Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. George and sister Sophia are buried in St. Paul Church Cemetery, Washington Township. The orphaned children, age 12 and under, had guardianship for their inherited land. Maria was widow of William (Wilhelm) Wann, died in 1831, five Wann children: Elizabeth, died in 1838; Isabelle (Leist); Daniel; John; Catharine, died in 1831.

Andrew Jackson Zimmer/Ziemer/Seimer, 1840-1916, farmer, married Nancy Ann (Anna) Eversole, 1838-1880, in 1861 in Fairfield County, Ohio. They had ten children: Charles, 1862-1869 (6 y); William, 1866-1934, Spokane County, Washington (9 ch); John, 1868-1944 (1 ch); Frank, 1869-1915, Vermillion County, Illinois (1 ch); George, 1871-1943, Vermillion County, Illinois (1 ch); Margaret (Leist), 1872-1961 (4 ch); Harley, 1874-1951, Fairfield County, Ohio (2 ch adopted); Rose (Leist), 1876-1960, Fairfield County, Ohio (no ch); Elmer, 1878-1934 (1 ch adopted); Clarence, 1880-1880 (infant). Nancy Ann, Charles and Clarence are buried in St. Paul Church Cemetery, Washington Township.



1948. Omer F. and Edith M. Seimer

Margaret is buried in Hitler Ludwig Cemetery. John and Elmer are buried in Forest Cemetery, Circleville, Ohio. Harley and Rose are buried in Amanda Township Cemetery, Amanda, Ohio.

Andrew married Lucinda Hartsock/Hertzog/Herzog, 1861-1907, in Hocking County, Ohio in 1884; seven children: Noah, 1885-1930, Franklin County, Ohio (3 ch); Hugh, 1886-1886; Andrew, 1887-1952, Fairfield County, Ohio (2 ch); Minnie, 1891-1891; Alonzo, 1892-1910 (17 y); Chester, 1895-1946, Fairfield County, Ohio (3 ch); Omer, 1897-1954 (7 ch). Andrew Sr., Lucinda, Noah, Hugh, Minnie, Alonzo, Andrew and Chester are buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Stoutsville, Ohio. Andrew J. Seimer served 1862-1865 in the 114th OVI Co. K, Civil War. At this time, our name was changed to Seimer, but is pronounced as the German Ziemer.

Lucinda was the daughter of Nathaniel (1830-1883) and Lucinda Helber (1835-1921) Hartsock/Herzog, Hocking County, Ohio, a great-great-granddaughter of Peter (1700-1763) and Anna Margaretha Kuntz (1712-1783) Herzog, Frederick County, Maryland. Peter and Anna Herzog were born in Rhenish, Prussia.

Omer Franklin Seimer, 1897-1954, farmer and butcher, married Edith Marie Dumm, 1899-1992, in 1918 in Ross County, Ohio. Omer and Edith resided in Washington Township, died in Pickaway County, buried in Forest Cemetery. They had seven children: Jean Charlotte, 1919-2001, married Eugene B. Bach, 1916-1967, in 1936 and resided in Fayette County, Ohio, buried in Forest Cemetery (4 ch—Leonard; Edith; Ronald; Benjamin, died in 1956); James Andrew, 1920-2001, married 1946 to Eleanor L. Dechert, born 1926, residence in Franklin County, buried in Concord Cemetery, Franklin County (2 ch—Michael and William); Irene May; Mary Elizabeth, born 1926, married 1952 to Wayne L. Anderson, 1918-1992, residence Franklin County, Ohio, buried in Grove City Cemetery, Grove City, Ohio (2 ch—Patricia, died in 1992 and David); Richard Thomas, 1929-2001, married Ruth T. Goode, born 1928, in 1949, residence Pickaway County, buried in Forest Cemetery (9 ch—Teresa, Thomas, Patricia, Omer, John, Mark, Jeffrey, Christopher, Gregory); Franklin Delano, born 1933, married Ruth N. Hill, 1939-1991, in 1953, residence Pickaway County, buried Forest Cemetery (2 ch—Belinda and Sherri); George Bruce, born 1937, married Wanda J. Fetherolf, born 1940, in 1958, residence Pickaway County (3 ch—Bruce, Leah and Charles.)

Edith Dumm Seimer was a daughter of James Buchanan Dumm, 1856-1938, married in 1883 in Ross County, Ohio to Lydia Frances Cox/Coch/Kox, 1861-1910, buried Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, great great granddaughter of Peter Thum/Dumm (1754-1937). Peter married Catharine Drum, 1766-1854, in 1785 in Berks County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of George A. and Catharine Strasser Drum/Trum. Peter and Catharine Thum/Dumm came to Colerain Township, Ross County, in 1805. They had eleven children. He was a landowner and an itinerant shoemaker. Peter and Catharine are buried in Old Lutheran Cemetery, Adelphi, Ohio.

Peter Thum/Dumm served in the Revolutionary War 1778-1783 from Berks County. He was a lifeguard to General George Washington, the Commander-in-Chief. The guard, "Independent Troop of Light Dragoons," under Captain Bartholomew VonHeer, was a small elite group of soldiers who spoke only the German language and accompanied General Washington wherever he went.

Irene May, born 1923, Pickaway County, in 1952 married Earl E. Wilson, born 1919 in Pickaway County, died 1989 in Franklin County, Ohio, buried in Forest Cemetery. They resided in Pickaway County and had one child—Lydia Irene, born 1954, Pickaway County, married in 1975 to Ernest L. Legg, born 1952. They have twin children: Ernest L. Legg II and Kaitlin Marie, born 1987 in Rochester, New York. They live in Fairport, New York. Ernest is the son of Earnest L. and Marlyn Mullins Legg, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Earl, a farmer and machine operator (E.I. DuPont Company), served three and a half years in the Army Air Force during World War II in England as a B-17 engine mechanic in the Eighth Air Command. Earl is the son of Coit H., 1898-1976, and Elizabeth Fausnaugh Wilson, 1902-1964. They resided in Scioto Township, Ohio and are buried in Muhlenberg Township Cemetery, Pickaway County, Ohio. His brother, Harold F., 1918-2003, married in 1941 to Marjorie W. Younkin, born 1920, residence Ashville, Ohio, buried in Floral Hill Cemetery, Pickaway County (2 ch—Michael and Gary). Marjorie is the daughter of Howard W. and Tessa M. Green Younkin. Harold and Earl descend from Lodowic Willson, Chesterfield County, Virginia and Johann John Fasnacht, Washington County, Maryland.

The descendants of Henry Ziemer/Zimmer/Ziemmer are found in all walks of life and places and a mixture of Christian faiths as they go forward into a second half of a third century in America.

-Submitted by Irene M. Wilson

WILLIAM ANTHONY ROBINSON

William Anthony (Tony) Robinson and his wife, Vickie Lynn (Chaney) Robinson, live at 1995 Ottawa Drive in Circleville, Ohio.

Tony is the son of Paul LaVere and Juanita Yvonne (Johnson) Robinson. He was born and raised in Lafayette, Indiana, graduated from Jefferson High School, Lafayette, attended Indiana State University, Indiana Vocational Technical College, Hanover College and is a graduate of the Ohio State Barber College. He has his own barbershop in downtown Circleville located at 228 1/2 N. Court Street. He is a member of Hedges Chapel United Methodist Church, Ashville, Ohio, Masonic Lodge #123, Lafayette, Scottish Rites Ohio, Shriners, Elks Lodge #77, Boy Scouts of America, Ohio Genealogical Society, Ohio and Pickaway County Historical Societies.

Tony is an Eagle Scout, former scout master, and former district commissioner of the Simon Kenton District. He serves on the Evangelism Committee as Chairman at Hedges Chapel, Zoning Board member Circleville Township, Past President Junior Chamber of Commerce-Lafayette, Indiana, Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution Southeast District Chairman, and in 2005-2006 Secretary of State OHSSAR. He has been in Ohio 25 years residing in Chillicothe, Ohio first, transferred here as assistant Circulation Director of the Chillicothe Gazette and Circulation Director for USA Today in the Chillicothe Region. In his spare time, Tony received a 5th degree Black Belt in Shoalin Kung Fu and enjoys backpacking as a hobby.

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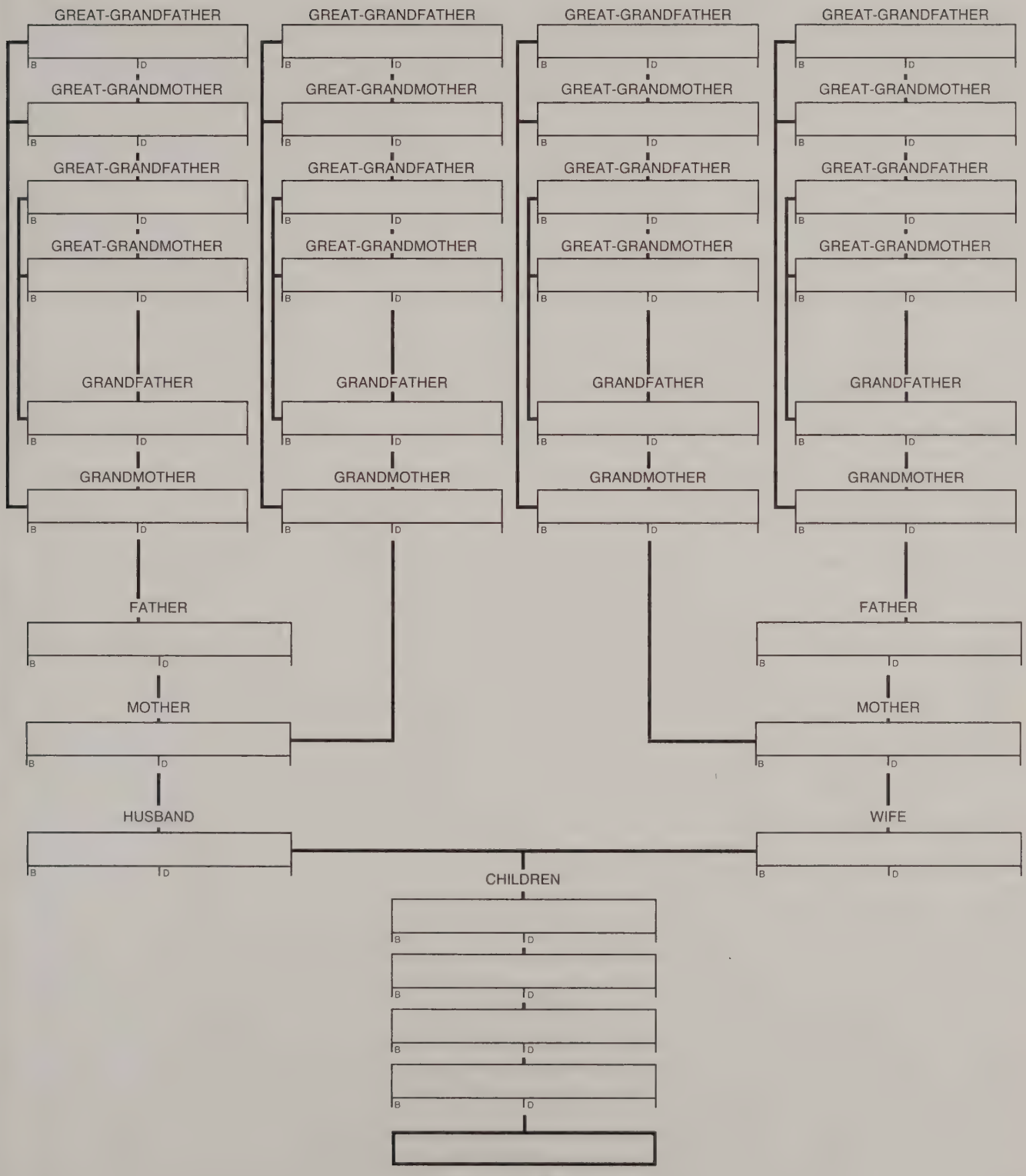
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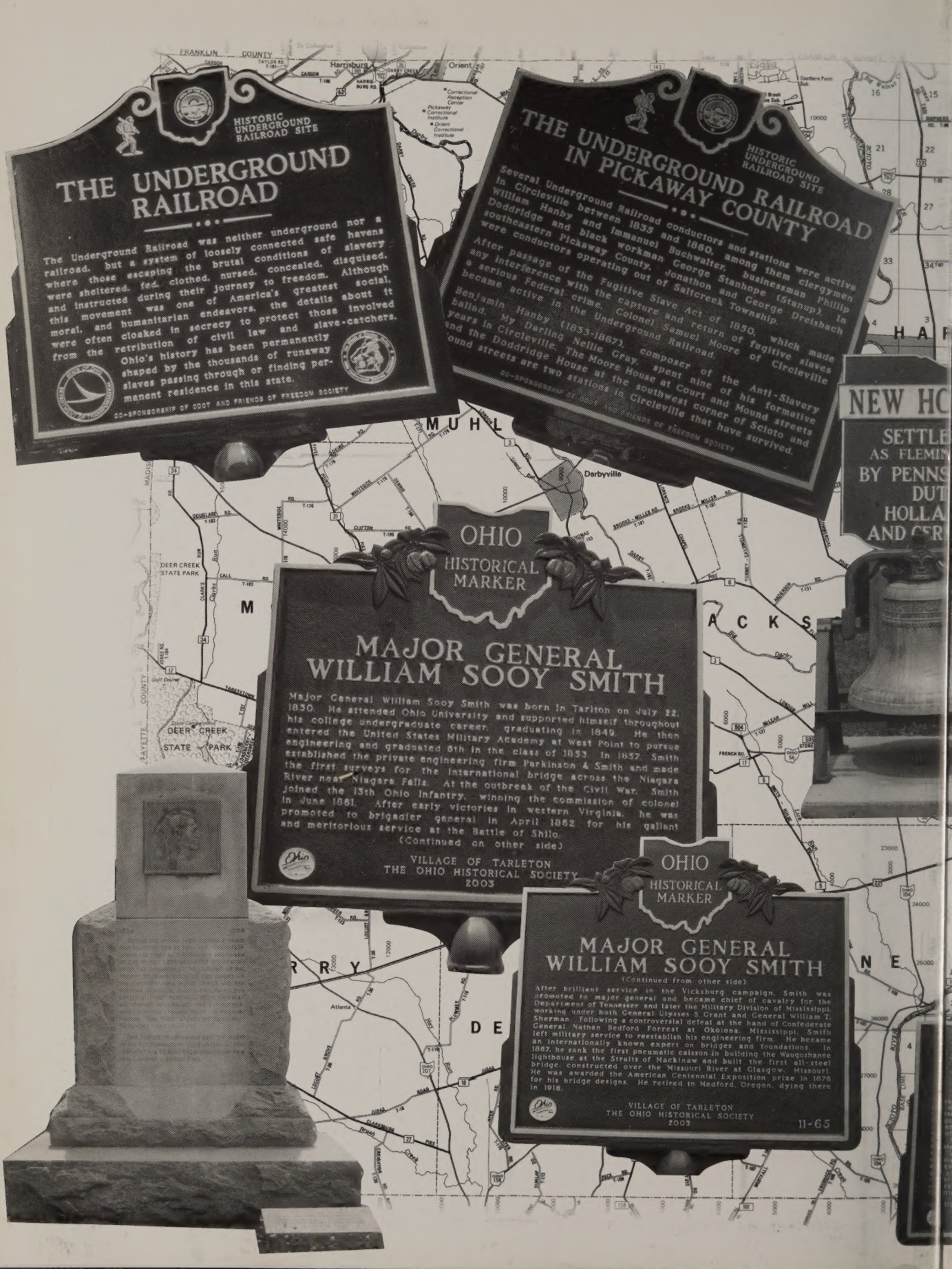
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Several Underground Railroad conductors and stations were active in Circleville between 1833 and 1860, among them clergymen William Hanby and Immanuel Buchwalter, businessman Phillip Doddridge and black workman George Stanhope (Stanup), in southeastern Pickaway County, Jonathon and George Dreisbach were conductors operating out of Saltcreek Township.
After passage of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which made any interference with the capture and return of fugitive slaves a serious Federal crime, Colonel Samuel Moore of Circleville became active in the Underground Railroad.
Benjamin Hanby (1833-1867), composer of the Anti-Slavery ballad, My Darling Nellie Gray, spent nine of his formative years in Circleville. The Moore House at the southwest corner of Scioto and Court and Mound streets and the Doddridge House at the southwest corner of Scioto and Mound streets are two stations in Circleville that have survived.
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MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM SOOY SMITH
Major General William Sooy Smith was born in Tarlton on July 22, 1830. He attended Ohio University and supported himself throughout his college undergraduate career, graduating in 1849. He then entered the United States Military Academy at West Point to pursue engineering and graduated 6th in the class of 1853. In 1857 Smith established the private engineering firm Parkinson & Smith and made the first surveys for the international bridge across the Niagara River near Niagara Falls. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Smith joined the 13th Ohio Infantry, winning the commission of colonel in June 1861. After early victories in western Virginia, he was promoted to brigadier general in April 1862 for his gallant and meritorious service at the Battle of Shilo.
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After brilliant service in the Vicksburg campaign, Smith was promoted to major general and became chief of cavalry for the Department of Tennessee and later the Military Division of Mississippi, working under both General Ulysses S. Grant and General William T. Sherman. Following a controversial defeat at the hand of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest at Okolona, Mississippi, Smith left military service to reestablish his engineering firm. He became an internationally known expert on bridges and foundations. In 1867, he sank the first pneumatic caisson in building the Waugoshance lighthouse at the Straits of Mackinaw and built the first all-steel bridge, constructed over the Missouri River at Glasgow, Missouri. He was awarded the American Centennial Exposition prize in 1876 for his bridge designs. He retired to Medford, Oregon, dying there in 1910.
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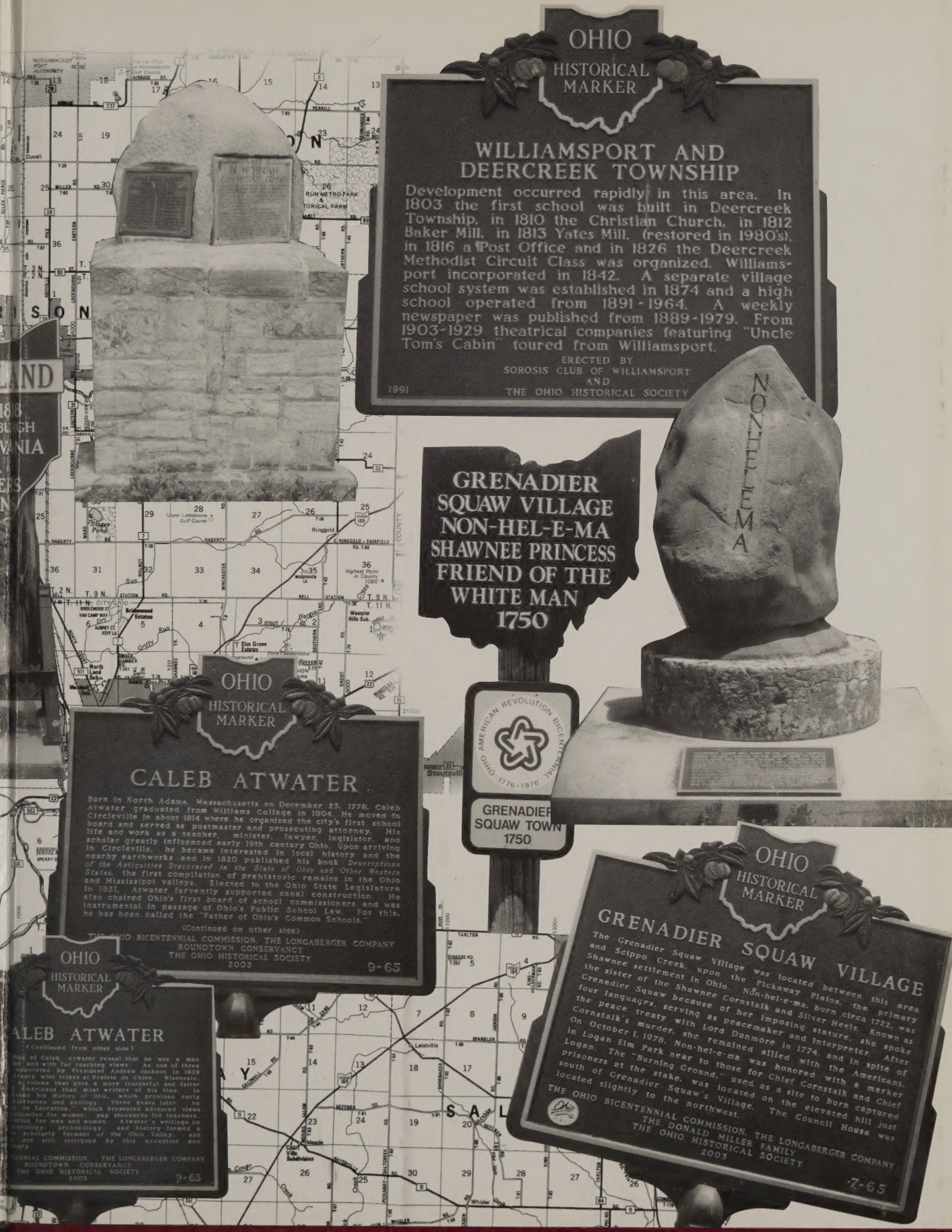
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WILLIAMSPORT AND DEERCREEK TOWNSHIP
Development occurred rapidly in this area. In 1803 the first school was built in Deercreek Township, in 1810 the Christian Church, in 1812 Baker Mill, in 1813 Yates Mill, (restored in 1980's), in 1816 a Post Office and in 1826 the Deercreek Methodist Circuit Class was organized. Williamsport incorporated in 1842. A separate village school system was established in 1874 and a high school operated from 1891-1964. A weekly newspaper was published from 1889-1979. From 1903-1929 theatrical companies featuring "Uncle Tom's Cabin" toured from Williamsport.
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CALEB ATWATER
Born in North Adams, Massachusetts on December 23, 1778, Caleb Atwater graduated from Williams College in 1804. He moved to Circleville in about 1814 where he organized the city's first school board and served as postmaster and prosecuting attorney. His life and work as a teacher, minister, lawyer, legislator, and scholar greatly influenced early 19th century Ohio. Upon arriving in Circleville, he became interested in local history and the nearby earthworks and in 1820 published his book *Descriptions of the Antiquities Discovered in the State of Ohio and Other Western States*, the first compilation of prehistoric remains in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. Elected to the Ohio State Legislature in 1821, Atwater fervently supported canal construction. He also chaired Ohio's first board of school commissioners and was instrumental in passage of Ohio's Public School Law. For this, he has been called the "Father of Ohio's Common Schools."
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GRENADIER SQUAW VILLAGE
The Grenadier Squaw Village was located between this area and Scippo Creek, upon the Pickaway Plains, the primary Shawnee settlement in Ohio. Non-hel-e-ma, born circa 1722, was the sister of the Shawnee Cornstalk and Silver Heels. Known as Grenadier Squaw because of her imposing stature, she spoke four languages, serving as peacemaker and interpreter. After the peace treaty with Lord Dunmore in 1774, and in spite of Cornstalk's murder, she remained allied with the Americans. On October 1, 1778, Non-hel-e-ma was honored with a marker in Logan Elm Park near to those for Chief Cornstalk and Chief Logan. The "Burning Ground," used as a site to burn captured prisoners at the stake, was located on the elevated hill just south of Grenadier Squaw's Village. The Council House was located slightly to the northwest.
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